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BIRTHS.

COCHRANE—January 22, 1929, to Joan, wife of Harold Cochrane, of 39 Egerton terrace, London, S.W.3, a daughter.

CODE—January 14, 1929, at "Warrington," Belmont Church road, Belfast, to Blanche, the wife of R. S. Code, a daughter.

CREAGH—January 16, 1929, at Bareilly, India, to Captain E. P. Creagh and Mrs. Creagh, a daughter.

DALLOW—January 9, 1929, at 89 Lower Baggot street, to Mr. and Mrs. L. Dallow, 27 Annesley Park, Rathmines, Dublin, a son.

DAUNT—January 12, 1929, at the Greystones Nursing Home, to Rosmund Yolande, wife of Henry S. Daunt, Colindale, Hendon, a daughter.

DOYLE—January 19, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Doyle, Knockmullen House, New Ross, a son.

OTWAY-RUTHVEN—January 19, 1929, at Knowle House, Church road, Upper Norwood, to Beryl (nee Cooke), wife of Lieutenant R. J. O. Otway-Ruthven, R.N., a daughter.

SIVA—January 18, 1929, at 41 Beech Hill, Dublin, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baron Siva, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

COX and DIGNAM—January 9, 1929, at Lea Church, by the Rev. St. John Tamplin, Thomas, only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cox, Kilcavan, Cashill, to Alice, second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Francis Dignam, Deerpark, Portarlington.

CORMAN and CARROLL—January 9, 1929, at University Church, Dublin, with Nuptial Mass and Papal Blessing, by Rev. M. Kelly, Adm., Baile-borough, assisted by Rev. M. O'Farrell, P.P., Athboy, and Rev. P. O'Reilly, P.P., Knockbride, John Gorman, Athboy, to Frances, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carroll, Hillside, Ballickmoyler.

LEVINGE and HAWKER—January 15, 1929, at Barjuli, Assam, India, Frederick Rufane, youngest son of the late R. W. C. Levinge, Levinge-ton Park, Mullingar, Westmeath, and Mrs. Levinge, to Rona Elizabeth, elder daughter of R. M. and Mrs. Hawker, Bungaree, Clare, South Australia.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 6.

ARMSTRONG—January 22, 1929, Mary A. Armstrong, eldest daughter of the late William Armstrong, Lindisfarne House, Merrion, and sister-in-law of Arthur Barratt, Enniscorthy, Limerick, aged 75 years.

BAGOT—January 32, 1929, at his residence, Yapton, Monkstown, County Dublin, Francis Bagot. Deeply and sincerely regretted by his sorrowing wife and family. R.I.P. Requiem Mass to-morrow (Thursday) morning at 7.15 o'clock in St. Patrick's Church, Monkstown. Funeral afterwards, by motor, to Mount St. Lawrence, Limerick, arriving at 3 p.m. No flowers, by request.

BLENNERHASSETT—January 21, 1929, at Rockfield, Limerick, Rowland Manders, aged 68, third son of the late John Blennerhassett.

BUCKLEY—Sunday, January 20, 1929, at her residence, Killincarrick, Delgany, Maria Elizabeth, widow of the late Richard Wc Buckley. Funeral to-day (Wednesday), 23rd inst., 3 o'clock, to Delgany. American and Canadian papers please copy.

BUTLER—January 21, 1929, at Hareswith Hill, Storrington, after a short illness, James Walter Butler, eldest son of the late James Butler, of Ballybar, County Carlow, and dearly-loved husband of Charlotte Margaret Butler (nee Major). Natal papers please copy.

CAMPBELL—January 21, 1929, at her residence, Gorey, John Campbell, son of John and Mrs. Susan Campbell, 45 Main street, Gorey (funeral at 2.30 to Christ Church, Gorey, to-day (Wednesday), 23rd.

CARLETON—January 21, 1929, at her residence, 4 Waverley terrace, Kenilworth road, Ellen Carleton, widow of the late Andrew O'Brien Carleton, D.I., R.I.C. Funeral arrives Newcastle Church 3.30 this (Wednesday) afternoon.

COSTELLO—January 21, 1929, at his residence, Eyre House, Galway, — Costello. Remains were removed to Pro-Cathedral at 6 o'clock yesterday (Tuesday) evening. Funeral this (Wednesday) morning, 23rd, after High Mass, at 11 o'clock. No flowers, by request, prayers instead.

DWEN—January 19, 1929, at 188 West End Lane, West Hampstead, London, Sara Mary Dwen. Funeral, Catholic Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, N.W., to-morrow (Thursday), January 24th, at 11 a.m. American papers please copy.

ELLIOTT—January 22, 1929, at Gurteen, Longford, Robert Elliott. Deeply regretted. Funeral at 2 o'clock to-morrow (Thursday) to Newtownforbes.

GLYNN—January 22, 1929, at his residence, Table, Carron, County Clare, Thomas Glynn, aged 61. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing family. R.I.P. Remains will be taken to Parish Church, Carron, at 5 p.m. to-day (Wednesday). Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) morning, after Requiem High Mass, 11 o'clock, to family burial place, Kilmacdugh.

HEALY—January 22, 1929, at his residence, Firmount, Clane, John Healy. Deeply regretted. Remains will be removed to Clane Church to-day (Wednesday) at 4 p.m. Office and Requiem High Mass to-morrow (Thursday) morning at 11 o'clock. Funeral immediately after to Downings.

HILL—January 21, 1929, at Laureston, Old Cabra road, Roger Hill. Deeply regretted. "With Christ, which is far better." Funeral (private) leaves above at 10 a.m. to-day (Wednesday) for Rathdrum. No flowers, by personal request.

MADDEN—January 21, 1929, at The Acacias, Portarlington, Emilie Tarrant, aged 79 years, widow of the late Revd. Robert Madden, M.A. Deeply regretted. Funeral to St. Paul's Church, 2 p.m. to-day (Wednesday).

MOORHEAD—January 22, 1929, at her residence, Drumeele, Moat Farrell, County Longford, Anne Moorhead, aged 90 years, mother of Alexander Moorhead, ex-N.T. Funeral to Ballinalee Cemetery to-morrow (Thursday), January 24, at 2 p.m.

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PROUD—January 18, 1929, at 58 Wrottesley road, Harlesden, London, Avez Mary Alice Proud, daughter of the late Nicholas Proud, Secretary of Port and Docks Board, Dublin. Funeral private.

ROONEY—January 21, 1929, at his residence, Lordello House, Sidmonton road, Bray, and of 17 Suffolk street, Dublin, James Rooney, R.I.P. Funeral private. No flowers, by request.

RYDER—January 20, 1929, at Belfast, Margaret, widow of the late J. S. Ryder, Dublin. Interred in Mount Jerome on Tuesday, 22nd January, 1929. "Peace, perfect peace."

THACKER—January 20, 1929, at St. Cronin's, Harrogate, Mary Emily, wife of the late J. W. Thacker, Esq., J.P., of 40 Upper Fitzwilliam street, Dublin. Funeral, Mount Jerome, Dublin, to-morrow (Thursday), January 24th, at 10 a.m.

WILLIAMS—January 22, 1929, suddenly, at 22 Frankford avenue, Rathgar, George, beloved husband of Marguerite Victoria Williams. Funeral arriving Friends' Burial Ground, Temple Hill, Blackrock, 10.30 o'clock on Friday morning.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. Duffy wishes to convey her sincere thanks to the Secretary, Members, and Staff of the University Club, to the friends who sent wreaths and messages of sympathy in her recent sad bereavement, and hopes this will be accepted by all.

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LOST, Sunday, 13th, vicinity Orwell road or Rathgar road, small envelope, containing eight pounds in notes; reward.—M 704, this office. 22 D

LOST, Saturday, between Dublin and Monkstown, Eye Glasses, in case; reward.—M 711, this office

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AT Kingstown, in small house, easily managed, a family of three desires services of Protestant lady as Working Housekeeper; references and terms requested; replies treated confidentially.—M 423, this office. 18 C

BASS Wanted, Dublin City Church. Address "Z 1405, Bass," this office. 22 F

BOY Messenger Wanted; state age and wages required; must be neat. Apply, by letter only, Box A 2770, O'Kennedy-Brindley, Ltd., 53 Lower O'Connell street, Dublin. 22 D

BOY, smart and strong, Wanted for Grocery Business, city, delivery and store, rice tricycle box carrier. Apply, full particulars, copies references, age, M 732, this office. 22 F

BOOKKEEPER Wanted immediately for the South; must be accustomed to D.E. and Departmental work and competent to take charge of office. Address, enclosing copies references, "Z 1444, Bookkeeper," this office. 22 B

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WANTED, couple of experienced Van Drivers, for Dun Laoghaire district; standard wages; security necessary.—M 708, this office. 22 F

WANTED, Grocer's Assistant, large provincial town; must be well recommended. Address "Z 1439, Assistant," this office. 22 D

WANTED, experienced Girl for Tobacconist and Confectionery. Apply 1 Belmont avenue, Donnybrook. 22 D

WANTED, young educated Woman for General Domestic Work of modern convenient house; plain cooking.—R O 550, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines. 22 F

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STORMGUARD Coats Models 202 and 204, 64/- and 73/-, duty free. Also Brooks' Galoshed Foot Snap On and Spring On Leggings, 28/6 and 35/-.—Thompson's, Tailors, 8 Westmoreland street 3 X

1927 O.H.C. Velocette, fully equipped, like new, bargain.—Henkil, Motors, Molesworth place. 18 C

LORRIES, VANS, MOTOR AND STEAM HAULAGE.

FOR Sale or Hire, a Commercial Van and Touring Car, moderate, with or without driver.—J. Tallon, 2 Hibernian avenue. 21 E

FORDSON Tractor and Eagle Trailer for Sale, never used. What offers? Address "Z 1410, Tractor," this office. 22 D

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CHEAPEST House for Motor Tyres; all leading makes at Wholesale Prices. Why pay more? Vulcanising a speciality. Satisfaction guaranteed. All sizes Secondhand Tyres cheap.—Roberts, Foley street (Amiens street), Dublin. 'Phone 1661. 16 T

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MOTOR Tyres off dismantled cars, from 7/6; Tubes, 2/6; New and Re-conditioned Tyres always in stock; Repairs promptly executed.—Cook's Vulcanizing Works, 41 Wellington quay (Metal Bridge), Dublin. 'Phone 5129. 15 X

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GARAGE ACCOMMODATION AND REPAIRS.

GARAGES, up to date, for 'buses and private cars; also Garage with three living apartments, pit, electric lighting throughout, sanitary accommodation.—Saxton, 8 York road, Dun Laoghaire. 21 E

TO Let, Motor Garage. Apply 4 Kenilworth road any day, except Wednesday. 22 F

BICYCLES.

RALEIGH Cycle, Gentleman's, cross frame, three speed, black and gold finish, beautiful machine, cost £18 18/- (as new); Lady's, to match, cost £13 13/- (used half hour only); sell both £20. Singer Sewing Machine (foot), list price £14 (never used), sell £9.—Black's Stores, Kingstown. 18 C

CHAUFFEURS, MECHANICS.

WANTED.

LADY Chauffeur required daily; must understand running repairs, for Bray.—L., Wilde's Office, Bray. 21 E

DISENGAGED.

CHAUFFEUR Mechanic disengaged; 8 years' experience of all makes of cars, good driver, handyman, will make himself generally useful; excellent references.—M 698, this office.

CHAUFFEURS CONTINUED

DISENGAGED.

CHAUFFEUR Gardener, married; careful driver; do running repairs; strict teetotaller; superior discharge.—James Rowe, 1 Palmyra Park, Galway. 22 F

EXPERIENCED Chauffeur seeks position; knowledge of horses; excellent references. Address "Z 1359, Chauffeur," this office. 19 D

WANTED, position as Chauffeur; long experience; understands and can make good all running repairs; references given. Apply M 425, this office.

YOUNG Man (C.I.) seeks work, any capacity, Motor Driving, etc.—M 712, this office.

EMPLOYMENT WANTED CONTINUED.

LADY Bookkeeper desires situation, disengaged February; thorough knowledge accounts, etc.—M 723, this office.

LADY Housekeeper Companion, thoroughly understands the running of a house; good cook and needlewoman; maid or maids kept; highest references.—M 709, this office. 22 D

LADY Housekeeper, fully trained, institutional work, hospital or private hospital preferred, disengaged shortly.—M 634, this office. 22 F

LADY, some means, wishes post Companion Help; no salary; comfortable home.—M 657, this office. 22 D

MARRIED Couple, no family, seek place as Caretakers of Flats or Offices; very highly recommended; city preferred.—M 651, this office

REQUIRED immediately by Lady position as Secretary to Doctor or Dentist, or other secretarial work; highest references given.—M 451, this office. 18 C

RESPECTABLE, honest, steady young Man seeks position, go as Helper in Business Yard, Stores, Bar, Garden or private Residence; P.P.'s references. 133, Irish Times Branch Office, Bray. 21 E

REFINED young Lady (Protestant), presently engaged, desires position of trust; domesticated, also knowledge of bookkeeping; good references. Address "Z 1417, Lady," this office. 22 D

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YOUNG Police Pensioner seeks any position of trust, in city; moderate wages.—M 415, this office. 18 C

YOUTH, Junior Hardware Assistant, seeks position; well recommended.—M 580, this office. 21 C

YOUNG Lady, 18 years, seeks position as Shorthand Typist; certificates held; splendid references. Address "Z 1398, Typist," this office. 21 C

YOUNG Lady hospital experience desires post Companion Lady Help; good home more object than salary. Address "Z 1400, Help," this office. 21 E

YOUNG Man seeks place as Assistant, Grocery, Bar; some experience. Address "Z 1422, Man," this office.

£10 TO anyone obtaining Permanent Post, man, 26; city, suburbs.—M 499, this office. 20 E

MALE SERVANTS WANTED.

HALL Boy Wanted, Protestant, age 17-18, early February, used to indoor service; good wages. Apply Butler, Pakenham Hall, Castlepollard. 22 X

STEWARDS AND GARDENERS WANTED.

WANTED, Gardener and General Man, fully competent with flowers and greenhouse plants, care motor; West of Ireland. Apply M 599, this office. 21 E

MALE SERVANTS DISENGAGED.

BOY seeks situation as Yard Boy in gentleman's place, or would do housework if required; will go anywhere; can be highly recommended. Reply to Christopher Goss, Inchaquire, Ballytore, Co. Kildare

GENERAL Man seeks place; plain gardening, understands stock; recommended.—M 648, this office.

HEAD Keeper can recommend Rabbit Trapper, act as game watcher, age 30, single; state terms. Address "Z 1419, Trapper," this office. 22 D

KEEPER, married, pheasant rearer, all duties, or Caretaker; gardening, flowers, fruit, vegetables; excellent carpenter; good references. Address "Z 1300, Keeper," this office.

MAN seeks situation, Herd or General Man; recommended.—16, Wilde's Office, Bray. 21 E

MARRIED Man seeks situation as Herd; understands care of cattle and sheep; good references. Apply John Murray, Oristown, Kells.

RABBIT Trapper wants employment; disengaged the 1st of February. Address Glynn, Trapper, Middleton Park, Castletown Geoghegan, Co. Westmeath. 21 C

RESPECTABLE Boy, 18, Catholic, strong, willing, agreeable, seeks position, gentleman's residence or college; wait table, cook if required; five years' experience; excellent reference. Address "Z 1452, Boy," this office.

STUD Groom disengaged; experienced, stallion, brood mares. Address "Z 1411, Groom," this office 22 F

STABLE Lad seeks situation, hunting or racing; light weight.—M 729, this office.

YOUNG Man, single, good ploughman and milker; understands all farm implements; would be able to take charge of well kept place.—M 449, this office. 18 C

STEWARDS AND GARDENERS DISENGAGED.

COUPLE, C.I., want place, plain gardening, domestic work, mind house, with gate lodge; well recommended. Address "Z 1423, Couple," this office.

GARDENER and General Handy Man seeks situation; good references. Address "Z 1429, Gardener," this office.

GARDENER, Head Working; son, twenty-one, four years' experience. Morristown Lattin, Naas. 22 D

GARDENER (Head), married, competent, energetic, excellent market grower; would take contracts; highest reference.—M 740, this office.

STEWARD seeks position; twenty years' experience, excellent knowledge of cattle and sheep; single; highest references. Address "Z 1413, Steward," this office. 22 D

WORKING Gardener, understands all branches, life experience, aged 40, married, R.C.; good references.—J. Byrne, Larkfield, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin. 21 E

YOUNG married Man, highly recommended, seeks position as Farm Steward or Foreman; understands all kinds of farm work; thorough knowledge of horses, cattle and sheep, etc. Address "Z 1440, Man," this office. 22 E

YOUNG Man wants job work in garden, clean motor, silver; good references.—M 635, this office.

DOMESTICS WANTED.

ALL classes of Servants with good references from gentry required.—Miss Woods, 37 Dawson st., Dublin.

MATRON'S Maid, also Diningroom Maid Wanted, for Nursing Home; strong and healthy; must be well recommended.—M 690, this office. 22 D

WANTED, Killiney, experienced country Girl; good plain cook, small washing; wages £26. Address "Z 1388, Girl," this office. 21 E

WANTED, Working Cook Housekeeper (Protestant), for gentleman in Co. Wicklow; must be well recommended; understand poultry, dairy for house; house parlourmaid kept. Apply, stating age and wages required, Mrs. Shackleton, Sunnyside, Carlow. 21 E

WORKING Housekeeper Wanted by single gentleman, Protestant; £20; suburbs.—M 644, this office. 21 C

WANTED superior Girl for Daily Work.—M 718, this office.

WANTED immediately, experienced young Cook, travel, H. P'maid, London, £50. Call 12 Duke st.

YOUNG active Girl Wanted Daily, for small family, South city, housework, plain cooking.—M 705, this office.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

GENERAL MOTORS Ltd.

have pleasure in announcing to users or their Products and Motor Trade the opening of their Distributor's Service Station at 16 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin, on Monday, 28th January. We cordially invite owners to bring their Cars or Commercial Vehicles in for Free Service and Adjustments during week ending 2nd February by mechanics from our factory who will be in attendance

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16 BACHELOR'S WALK.

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DOMESTICS CONTINUED.

WANTED immediately, for Ailesbury road (modern, non basement house), superior young House Parlourmaid; good wages.—M 700, this office. 22 F

WANTED, before end of January, experienced House Parlourmaid, housemaid kept, two in family; wages £36.—Mrs. Odlum, Togher House, Monasterevan, Kildare

NURSES WANTED.

AGENTS for NURSES, MAIDS and ATTENDANTS. Miss Bellingham Todd, 5 Grafton street, Dublin. Interview daily. Tel. No. 5258. T

A NURSE, suburbs, £60; several others Wanted, £24-£36.—Matron Registry, Irish Times.

CAN lady recommend for suburbs Nurse for girl 4½ years and boy 9 years; must make herself generally useful.—M 461, this office 19 D

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NURSE Wanted, three children, older children at school; good wages; copies references.—M 639, this office.

WANTED, thoroughly experienced steady Nurse to take entire charge baby from month; high wages. Send copies, age, wages, Hawker's Agency, Limerick. 21 C

WANTED, Nurserymaid (indoor) immediately, 117 Anglesea road, Donnybrook; £12 per year. Apply any day before 3 o'clock.

WANTED, experienced, trustworthy Nurse, country, five children, eldest 8; nurserymaid kept. Reply, with references, stating wages, to Mrs. Webb, Curraghlawn, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary. 22 F

WANTED, Children's Nurse for three, youngest one year, large provincial town; send copies references. Address "Z 1438, Nurse," this office. 22 D

YOUNG Girl required, to take complete charge (2 children); experience required.—21, Wilde's Office, Bray. 21 E

KITCHEN, LAUNDRY, ETC., WANTED.

A LITTLE Girl Wanted at once to help in kitchen, mornings, Terenure; copy reference, age.—M 666, this office. 22 F

WANTED, for gentleman's residence, near Dublin, two experienced Laundry Maids. Apply, stating wages, Matron, Irish Times Registry. 22 F

WANTED for Catholic School in England, Kitchen and General Maid; wages £30 per year. Address, stating age, experience, and with copies of references, including one from P.P or other priest, "Z 1443, Maid," this office. 22 D

DOMESTICS DISENGAGED.

AT Irish Times Registry, a big number excellent Maids, all capacities; highly recommended.

CARETAKER (Protestant), seeks place gentleman's house; previous employment parlourmaid; highest reference; city, suburbs.—M 655, this office.

GOOD daily Worker, city; experienced; very good papers.—M 685, this office.

LADY highly recommends good Daily Girl; excellent worker; cook if necessary.—1452, Irish Times Branch Office, Blackrock.

RESPECTABLE Woman wants daily work; good cook, excellent reference.—Mrs. Camp, 2 Richmond terrace, Rathmines

SEWINGMAID seeks place, indoor or outdoor; recommended.—M 659, this office.

YOUNG Girl wishes morning or evening work.—R O 546, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines. 21 E

YOUNG Woman seeks place; North side preferred.—M 683, this office.

YOUNG Girl wishes few hours work afternoon; recommended.—R O 554, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines. 22 D

YOUNG Girl do light housework, mind children; experienced; outdoor.—M 528, this office.

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A YOUNG Cook, free shortly; wages £55; very good references.—Miss Woods, 37 Dawson st., Dublin.

COOK, go where house parlourmaid kept, small family; Protestant.—5 Mulgrave street, Kingstown. 21 C

DAIRY, Poultry Maid desires situation, long experience; age 37.—M 676, this office.

COOK General disengaged 28th; references; Protestant. Address "Z 1451, Cook," this office.

EXPERIENCED Cook General, House Parlourmaid, sisters; highly recommended; disengaged. Address "Z 1426, Cook," this office.

FRENCH Cook, all round hand, seeks position at once; can be well recommended; city or country. —M 464, this office. 19 D

GOOD Cook General, R.C., girl; good references. Address "Z 1431, Cook," this office.

LADY recommends trustworthy Cook General; small family. Address "Z 1396, Cook General," this Office. 21 E

RESPECTABLE farmer's daughter, R.C., wishes to be trained as Dairymaid; home experience; P.P. and other references. Apply May Healy, Craffield, Aughrim, Co. Wicklow.

YOUNG Cook General disengaged; country preferred, dairy; excellent references.—M 675, this office.

GENERALS DISENGAGED.

AN experienced young General, small family; £24; good references. Address "Z 1324, General," this office 19 C

A YOUNG country Girl, tall, age 17, wishes to train General or Housemaid; P.P. and teacher's references. Address "Z 1427, Girl," this office.

DAILY General seeks place, South side; experienced; 10/- weekly.—M 649, this office.

EXPERIENCED General, £24, city, suburbs; excellent long references.—M 681, this office.

EXPERIENCED Girl wishes situation with small family, General or House Parlourmaid, city or suburbs. Address "Z 1403, Girl," this office. 21 D

EXCELLENT superior General; good cook; highly recommended.—426, Irish Times Branch Office, Bray.

GENERAL seeks place, indoor or outdoor, or morning work.—M 661, this office.

GENERAL, experienced; good references; young; city, suburbs.—M 688, this office.

GENERAL, experienced, daily or indoor; excellent references.—M 682, this office.

GENERAL Servant wishes situation; good reference.—L. M., 18 Macken place, Pearse street, Dublin.

GENERAL, excellent papers, disengaged Friday.—M 646, this office.

GENERAL seeks place, city, suburbs; £18-£20; recommended.—M 653, this office.

GENERAL seeks place, small family, plain cooking, suburbs.—M 658, this office.

GENERAL disengaged, £20 to £24; good references. Interview 4 o'clock, Griffin's Registry, 40 Donnybrook.

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LADY recommends two Sisters, General and Housemaid, together or separate.—Miss Brigid Price, Leixlip.

LADY highly recommends young General, small family; suburbs.—M 570, this office.

RESPECTABLE Farmer's Daughter, 22, desires situation as General, country; good experience, references.—M 677, this office.

SUPERIOR General, good cook; long papers; well recommended.—269, Irish Times Branch Office, Baggot street Bridge.

STEADY General; plain cooking, small washing, housework; recommended.—M 521, this office.

YOUNG General (outdoor), city; good references.—M 689, this office.

YOUNG General seeks situation; well recommended; city preferred.—M 669, this office.

YOUNG General seeks situation; wages £30; city preferred.—M 668, this office.

YOUNG Girl wishes situation, General; well recommended; Bray preferred.—Irish Times Office, Wicklow. 22 D

YOUNG Girl wishes to train as General (outdoor).—M 650, this office.

YOUNG General, 3 years' experience; good papers.—M 524, this office.

YOUNG General seeks place; never out before; recommended.—M 516, this office.

YOUNG Outdoor General seeks place North side; recommended.—M 519, this office.

HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS DISENGAGED.

A HOUSEMAID, or House Parlourmaid; good papers; city, suburbs.—M 687, this office.

A HOUSEMAID, young, in college; experienced; good references. Address "Z 1428, Maid," this office.

HOUSEMAID seeks place, city, suburbs; business house preferred; recommended.—M 680, this office.

HOUSEMAID seeks place in private house; city preferred; recommended.—M 656, this office.

HOUSE Parlourmaid, disengaged 31st January, seeks situation; farmer's daughter; experienced.—Julia Kirk, Watergate, Meath road, Bray.

YOUNG Girl wishes to be trained as Housemaid; can be well recommended. Address "Z 1424, Girl," this office.

YOUNG Houseparlourmaid seeks place, city, suburbs; some experience.—M 652, this office.

YOUNG Houseparlourmaid, partly trained, seeks place, city; recommended.—M 654, this office.

DOMESTICS CONTINUED

NURSES DISENGAGED.

CHILDREN'S Nurse, experienced, take baby from month; highly recommended; Pembroke district preferred.—M 586, this office. 21 C

CHILDREN'S Nurse, £24, city or Northern Ireland; good references.—M 679, this office.

EXPERIENCED Infant's Nurse disengaged first week February; take entire charge one child.—273, Irish Times Branch Office, Baggot street Bridge.

GOOD, experienced Nurse; take baby from month, or older child; city, suburbs.—12 Duke street.

HOSPITAL trained Nursery Nurse desires Post, six years experience; very highly recommended; good needlewoman; take infant from birth.—M 741, this office. 22 D

RESPECTABLE young Girl wishes position as Children's Maid; one year's experience; city or suburbs; excellent reference. Address "Z 1425, Girl," this office.

SUPERIOR Infant's Nurse disengaged; long experience. Write "Nurse," 42 Lower Mount street. 21 E

YOUNG Girl, 17, wishes training as Children's Maid or General; highly recommended; C. of I.—G 140, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown. 20 D

YOUNG Children's Nurse seeks place; do light housework; recommended.—M 660, this office.

YOUNG country Woman wants situation, mind children, do housework, etc.; most respectable, and can be recommended.—M 751, this office. 22 F

SPECIFIC ARTICLES.

BILLIARD Table, full size (Burroughs and Watts), with all furnishings for room, seats, electric fittings, cues, racks, marking board, new ivory and composite billiard and snooker balls.—M 393, this office. 18 C

BROWN Marble Mantelpiece for Sale, 4' 6" by 6', cost £43, with grate and bricks to match; only two months in use; will accept £15. Address "Z 1434, Mantelpiece," this office. 22 F

BILLIARD Table, full sized, Burroughes and Watts, with all appurtenances, excellent condition, can be delivered Dublin. What offers? Address "Z 1415, Table," this office. 22 F

BILLIARD Table (Burroughs and Watts), small size. To be seen at Millar and Beatty's, 14 Grafton street. 22 F

CLUSTER Diamond Ring, cost £12 10/-, now £5; Gold Wrist Watch, cost £5 15/-, now £2 12/6.—Weldon, 15 Upper O'Connell street. 22 F

FIREWOOD—Large quantity Lops of Trees, cut in lengths, for Sale, cheap.—Newtown House, Blackrock.

FOR Sale, one (Type VI. Reg.) "Ardente" Button, complete for deaf ears; never used. Address "Z 1442, Button," this office.

RICKS, Covers, Sacks, Thresher Covers, Binder Covers, and Car Covers.—Petrie Brothers, Manufacturers, 56 Usher's quay, Dublin. 12 T

TYPEWRITERS, £3 upwards; completely guaranteed; all makes.—Norman Works, 9b Trinity street. 19 D

UNCLAIMED Property—Hundreds of Gloves, Umbrellas, Walkingsticks, Suit Cases, Tennis Racquets and other miscellaneous articles. Call or write for list.—W. P. Cullen, 51 Lower O'Connell street, Dublin. 15 X

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WIRELESS, BROADCASTING, ETC.

A SELECT Six Valve Igranic Super Het for Sale, complete with batteries, Inside Aerial and Loud Speaker; price reasonable. Seen 51 Upper Rathmines from 7 p.m. 22 E

FOR Sale—Four Valve Wireless, complete, £10 10/-; demonstration by appointment (Dublin).—M 733, this office. 22 F

SPECIFIC ARTICLES WANTED.

ANTIQUE Silver Cups, Candlesticks, Salvers, Sugar Bowls, etc.; also Diamond Ornaments, Precious Stones and Old Gold; highest prices given.—West and Son, Grafton House, Grafton street T

BOOKS Wanted: History, Literature, Novels, Travel, etc., old or modern; prompt cash.—M 572, this office. 21 E

BENSON'S give best prices for Old Gold, Silver and Platinum from artificial teeth.—51 Mary street, Dublin. 31 X

FEATHER BEDS WANTED. Highest prices given. Will send to examine in city.—IRISH FEATHER CO., LTD., TARA ST., DUBLIN. IRISH FIRM. 'Phone 661. T

SCAFFOLDING Poles and Planks Wanted; state price and where seen.—Anderson, 8 Jervis street.

WANTED, Commode Chair, with backward sliding pan, good condition.—M 728, this office.

£20 OFFERED for 4 Sheffield Plated Entree Dishes.—M 631, this office. 21 E

MACHINERY.

ABOUT Tubes—Robert Craig and Sons (Engineers), Limited, York street Engineering Works, Great George's street, Belfast, can supply from stock Steam Tubes and Fittings in Wrought Iron and Mild Steel, up to 6" bore; also General Engineering and Millwrighting Materials. 28 X

DOUGH Mixing Drum, geared 2 sack, complete with Hopper and Flour Sifter; maker Gillespie; £12; 1½ sack ditto, by Vicars, £7.—Box No. 1904, Irish Times Branch Office, Belfast. 22 D

ELECTRICIANS' Tools—Write for catalogue of and state requirements.—Booth Bros., Dublin. X

WANTED, ½ h.p. Electric Motor, suitable for Corporation current.—M 377, this office. 18 C

WANTED, Engineer's Lathe, 3' centres, bedgap 12".—M 623, this office.

OPTICIANS.

PATRICK Cahill, Optician to His Holiness Pope Pius XI., 13 Wellington quay; 100 years established; high class work moderate price. 52 3

TIMBER.

IF you are looking for Wheels, or the Makings of Wheels, Sawn Shafts, Wheelbarrows or Handles, write Manager, Lissadell, Sligo. T

THREE Walnut Trees for Sale. What offers per ton, free on rail? Address "Z 1453, Trees," this office.

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ANGLING—Best Trout Flies, 1/6 per dozen; Rods, Reels, Lines, Tackle, every description; Fresh Prawns; Alnwick Built Rods a speciality; Rods repaired; Salmon Licences; catalogues free.—L. Keegan, Inns quay, Dublin. 8 23

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GARNETT'S for Guns, Rifles, and Cartridges; Guns repaired.—Garnett, Gunmaker, Crampton Court, Dublin. 78 26

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GUNS—Webley and Scott's and other makes, new and secondhand; Hammerless from £6 10/-, Ejectors from £7 10/-; repairs by skilled gunsmiths; gun fitting a speciality.—Keegan, Gunmaker, Inns quay, Dublin. 8 23

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AT Highest Value—James Hill and Son, Bachelor's Walk, Purchase Furniture, Pianos, Antiques T

A GREAT Sale of Furniture—Chesterfield, Dining and Bedroom Furniture, Sideboards, China Cabinets, Hall Stands, Hearth, Oval and other Mirrors; Pictures, Tables, Oddments.—Waddington's, 5 Lower Ormond quay. 22 A

BOOKCASES, Antique Chairs, Sporting Prints, other things delivered free.—No. 8 The Strand, Milltown, Co. Dublin. 19 D

CARPETS—Axminister, 12 x 9, seamless, £4 17/6, other qualities and sizes. Buy direct from manufacturers.—Cable Mills, 32 Lower Ormond quay, Dublin. 18 D

CHESTERFIELD, in dark tapestry, as new. Seen 10 to 12, 9 Villiers road, Rathgar.

LAWLOR Briscoe will Buy or Sell your Surplus Furniture. Auctions every Thursday.—35 Ormond quay. T

WANTED, large size Antique Bookcase; good price offered.—C. Parker Cussen, 49 Grafton street, Dublin. 18 D

MUSIC, PIANOS, ETC.

A BECHSTEIN Piano for Sale, beautiful instrument; price £95.—M 647, this office.

BECHSTEIN Baby Grand, dark mahogany, most delightful tonal quality, splendid regulated action, brilliant tone; cost £320; seen by appointment; no dealers.—M 724, this office.

FOR Sale, Piano, perfect condition; also Pram; no dealers.—J 77, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown. 18 C

FOR Sale, Upright Stanley Brinsmead Piano, splendid order; £30; terms cash; no dealers.—H. 46, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown 20 D

FOR Sale, Steck Pianola and Rolls; £65.—M 598, this office. 21 E

GRAMOPHONE Stores, Johnston's Court, Grafton street, Dublin, for Winner Records and Machines. Open till 9 Lists free. 6 T

WANTED, Piano, for young lady; state make, price, particulars.—M 493, this office. 19 D

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Only the best ingredients, properly balanced.

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Writing on this subject in the *Weekly Irish Times*, the Poultry Correspondent says:—

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AT Belfield Poultry Farm, Stillorgan road, Dublin—Catalogues now ready. Sittings from best of stock at most reasonable prices. Vacancy for one Pupil, living out. Apply Manageress. 'Phone Ballsbridge 2. 8 21

AT Fairyhill, Blackrock. Telephone, 138—Anconas, Barnevelders, Wyandottes, Leghorns, Rhodes, Cockerels, 10/6, 15/6; Settings, 7/6, 10/6; also Hovers (Glevum, Toope's, Phipps' Brooder (100, 150. 20 D

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LAW REPORTS.

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SEQUESTRATION MOTION.

(BEFORE MR. JUSTICE MEREDITH.)

The case of Shackleton v. the Irish Sugar Manufacturing Company was mentioned at the sitting of the Court. This was a motion in regard to the alleged pollution of water by the defendants.

Mr. Rice, K.C., with whom was Mr. Dockrell, K.C., for the plaintiff, said that the positon was that not merely had nothing been done to stop the nuisance, but conditions were really worse than ever, and the motion that day was for sequestration, having regard to the continued state of affairs.

Mr. Hubert Hamilton, K.C., for the defendants, said that they did not admit that.

Mr. Rice—Of course, not.

Mr. Justice Meredith said that his recollection was that he made it perfectly clear that the order he had made on the last occasion did not prejudice the plaintiff in regard to the future, and that the plaintiff was entitled to bring on a motion. His recollection was that he dismissed the previous application on the ground that he was not at all persuaded that some change or changes might not be effected, and that the application was premature.

Mr. Rice said that they were anxious to go on with the case at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Justice Meredith said that he would hear the case at 2 o'clock next Monday.

ARIGNA COAL MINES.

CONSTRUCTION OF A CONSENT.

(BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, MR. JUSTICE FITZGIBBON and MR. JUSTICE MURNAGHAN.)

The hearing was continued of an appeal brought by the plaintiffs in the case of Kingston v. Layden from an order of Mr. Justice Johnston, dated 5th November last, refusing their application for an order that the issues of law raised by the pleadings, as to the construction and effect of the consent and the construction, conclusiveness and binding character of the report of the surveyor mentioned in the pleadings, be set down for hearing and disposed of. The appellants now sought to have that portion of the judge's order discharged, with costs, and to have another order made in lieu thereof, directing that the following questions of law be forthwith set down for hearing and disposed of:—(1) Whether upon the true construction of the consent (between the parties), dated 2nd September, 1925, mentioned in the pleadings, the report of Mr. Arthur Hassam, dated the 25th February, 1926, and the findings therein, are binding upon the parties; (2) whether, upon the findings of the said report, the plaintiffs have a good defence to the defendants' counter-claim by reason of the Statute of Limitations, 16th and 17th Vic., C. 113. They also asked to have the costs of the application to Mr. Justice Johnston made part of the costs in the action, and that the defendants be ordered to pay the plaintiffs their costs of, and incident to, this appeal.

The order appealed against, it appeared, had been made when an application for discovery of documents was made on behalf of the defendants.

Mr. Overend, K.C., and Mr. Poole (instructed by Messrs. C. H. Denroche and Sons), appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. Walker, K.C.; Mr. Fitzgerald, K.C., and Mr. M. C. Walker (instructed by Messrs. Allen and Halpin) for the defendants.

The plaintiffs in the action were the Right Hon. Henry Edward Earl of Kingston and the Arigna Mining Co., Ltd.; and the defendants were Patrick Layden, of Lecarrow, Spencer Harbour, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim, and Michael Layden, of The Ferns, Lough Allen, Drumshambo, Co. Leitrim, mine-owner.

The plaintiffs claimed a declaration that under and by virtue of the consent, dated 2nd September, 1924, entered into between the parties, and the report of Arthur Hassam, mining engineer, pursuant to the consent dated 25th February, 1926, the defendants are indebted to the plaintiffs in the sum of £2,432 14s. in respect of coal alleged to have been wrongfully abstracted by the defendants from the mine at Arigna, in the County of Roscommon, the property of the plaintiffs.

The defendants, it was stated, were sued as the executors and trustees of the will of Michael Layden, senior, original owner of the mine, by whom the mine had been devised to his six children, and in their personal capacity.

The Arigna Mining Company, it appeared, are the lessees of the mine known as the Arigna Mine in the County Roscommon, under a lease of 4th May, 1920, made between the Earl of Kingston and the company; and the Earl of Kingston is the owner in reversion expectant in the lease, as tenant under the settlement created by the will of Edward Kingston, dated 29th December, 1877.

The defendants are the executors and trustees of the will of their father, Michael Layden, deceased, and are lessees of the mine adjoining the Arigna Mine, under a lease of 7th May, 1924, made between Thomas Vesey Bell, Frederick Bell and Frederick Irwin, and Michael Layden and Patrick Layden.

The defendants in their defence counter-claimed for the sum of £3,753 1s. 6d., which, according to the report of Mr. Hassam, it was stated, was payable by the plaintiffs to the Arigna Mining Company, the defendants, as executors of Michael Layden, senior, in respect of a large quantity of coal, alleged to have been secretly, furtively, wilfully and negligently abstracted from the defendants' mines.

Mr. Overend, K.C., stated, in support of the appeal, that the effect of having the questions mentioned, as specified in the pleadings, tried in accordance with his application in the Court below, would be to save the expense of discovery and other expenses.

Mr. Walker, K.C., submitted that Mr. Justice Johnston had no power to set down the questions for determination at all.

Mr. Fitzgerald, K.C., stated that Mr. Hassam's report was in reality an award, and a bad award under the circumstances.

The Chief Justice, giving judgment, said that he was of opinion that the appeal should be allowed; that the questions mentioned should be disposed of as a preliminary, as suggested; and that the application for discovery, which would lead to expense, should not be proceeded with, pending the consideration of these questions mentioned.

Mr. Justice FitzGibbon and Mr. Justice Murnaghan concurred.

The appeal was accordingly allowed, the costs of the appeal to abide the result of the trial in the Court below.

DUBLIN PROPERTY MARKET.

There was a large attendance at Albert MacArthur's Salerooms, 52 O'Connell street, Dublin, yesterday. After keen bidding, No. 87 North Circular road (formerly 9 Belfast terrace), was sold at £1,025; Nos. 11, 12, 13, 15 Royal Canal Bank, Phibsborough realised £825, and No. 14 Royal Canal Bank £320; the bidding for 54 Upper Dorset street reached £800; the dairy yard and concerns, 19 Sackville avenue, Ballybough, sold for £500.

MOLYNEUX INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND, LEESON PARK, DUBLIN.

The usual monthly meeting of the Trustees and Guardians of the Molyneux Institution for the Blind was held on the 15th inst. Present:—R. V. Dixon, Esq., in the chair; Sir John W. Moore, E. N. Edwards, Esq.; A. F. Blood, Esq., K.C., and the Rev. A. E. Hughes, Chaplain. Apologies were received from the Bishop of Cork, R. G. Tomlinson, Esq., and E. J. Phelps, Esq., K.C.

The following subscriptions, etc., are gratefully acknowledged:—The Misses Allen, 5/-; Miss Adair, 10/6; Miss Mabel Byrne, 2/6; Mrs. Bridge, £1; G. P. A. Colley, Esq.; Messrs. Dixon and Co., £1; Mrs. Deathe (Card Collection), £2 7/-; Mrs. Davis, 10/-; the Earl Fitzwilliam, £2; Messrs. Forrest and Son, £1 1/-; the Misses Harper, £1 10/-; the Misses Hasell, £1 1/-; W. G. Jameson, Esq., £5; Mrs. Otway Johnson, £1; the Right Hon. Andrew Jameson, £2; Stanhope Kenny, Esq., 5/-; T. Kenny, Esq., 10/-; A. Lloyd-Blood, Esq., £1; Mrs. McCoy, £5; Miss Naper, 10/-; G. A. Newsom, Esq., £1; Dr. Parsons, £1 1/-; Messrs. Pim Bros., Ltd., £2; J. Sibthorpe, Esq., £1; R. A. Synge, Esq., £1; W. H. F. Verschoyle, Esq., £2 2/-; Miss Vincent, £1.

Gifts:—Miss Adair, oranges; Mrs. Alec Blood, ham; Mrs. Brett, crackers; Miss Burke, fruit and sweets; Miss Chatterton, money for fruit; the Misses Crowe, toffee and cake; E. N. Edwards, Esq., raisins; Lady Gardner, money for treat; Miss Goff, fruit; Dr. T. O. Graham, turkey; Mrs. Graham, birthday gift for each inmate; Miss Harding, money for sweets; Mrs. Hayes, money for treat; Miss E. Sibthorpe, ginger wine; Mrs. Snowden, sweets; Miss E. Wakely, money for treat; Lady Walker, apples; Mrs. Blair White, money for treat; Dr. Winter, turkey.

Jan. 22nd, 1929.

DUBLIN DISTRICT COURT.

MARRIED WOMAN AS BOOKMAKER.

REFUSAL TO GRANT CERTIFICATE.

COUNSEL ASKS FOR CASE TO BE STATED.

(BEFORE MR. COLLINS.)

Two appeals were heard from refusals to grant a certificate of personal fitness as a registered bookmaker to Mrs. Josephine Lally, 97 Commons street, and a certificate of suitability of premises sought by her in respect of 59 Phibsborough road, Dublin.

Mr. T. A. Finlay (instructed by Mr. D. O'Flaherty, Chief State Solicitor's Department) said that the circumstances were as follow:—Mr. Patrick Lally, husband of the appellant, formerly carried on business as a registered bookmaker at the premises, 59 Phibsborough road. Last November he was convicted and fined £500 on each of five summonses (reduced to £125 in each case) in respect of offences against the Betting Act. His certificate of personal fitness and the certificate of suitability of premises were accordingly refused, and his wife had applied for the certificates. They had been refused, and the present appeals were from these refusals.

GROUNDS OF REFUSAL.

The refusal of the certificate of personal fitness was on the gound that the applicant, "by reason of her general character and known habits," was not a fit person to have a licence. She was the mother of five young children. The certificate of suitability of premises was refused on the ground that the applicant was not a licensed bookmaker, was not the holder of a certificate of personal fitness, and was not the proprietor of the premises.

Mr. H. Hughes, K.C. (instructed by Mr. W. H. Sutton, solicitor), for the appellant, said that this case raised a very important point. The real objection to Mrs. Lally was that she was a married woman. To say that married women were not fit persons to receive bookmakers' licences was not in accordance with the terms of the Act.

The expression "general character and known habits" meant that something objectionable in the character or habits of the applicant must be proved before her application could be refused. The mere fact that she was married and the mother of a family could not be considered sufficient objection.

The Justice said that he hoped that no one would suggest that a married woman and the mother of a family was a fit and proper person to carry on a bookmaker's business and go on the course and shout the "odds."

THE ACT.

Mr. Hughes said that it was not a question of going on the course and "shouting the odds." It was a question of fitness or unfitness, and there was nothing in the Act to the effect that a woman should be refused a certificate because she was married.

Inspector Long said that there was no objection to the character of Mrs. Lally; but the fact that she was a married woman, who proposed to carry on the business under her own supervision and employing a clerk did not work out satisfactorily. Such being her proposed habits, he could not see his way to grant a certificate. Further, the letting of the premises to Mrs. Lally was a colourable transaction, and he did not believe she was the tenant at all.

Mr. Hughes produced the orginial tenancy agreement and also rent receipts showing that Mrs. Lally was the holder of the tenancy. He also stated that she had seven or eight years' business experience before her marriage, and had a bank account of her own.

The Justice said that he would confirm the refusals.

Mr. Hughes asked the Justice to state a case on the point whether a woman because she was married and the mother of a family was to be debarred from practising as a bookmaker in the Free State.

FATHER'S ACCUSATIONS AGAINST SON.

COULD GET NO GOOD OF THE BOY.

(BEFORE MR. LITTLE.)

A boy, Edmund Harrison, of Summerhill, Dublin, was sent for trial, in custody, on the charge of his father, Thomas Harrison, of stealing from their home property to the value of £2 10s.

The father said that his son had been a boy of whom he could get no good. He made no progress at school. Then his mother died, and the death seemed to have the effect of making the boy worse. He had had a number of occupations, but gave them up, coming back to his father's home until he could lay hands on some property or money, when he would disappear again. The father appealed to the Justice to deal with the case.

ASSAULTED HIS WIFE.

MAN BOUND TO THE PEACE.

Michael O'Brien, Rutland street, Dublin, was charged with assaulting his wife in the public street last Monday evening.

Mary O'Brien, his wife, said that they had been married last May, when the accused man was in employment at £4 a week, and she was a widow, with two children.

She admitted that her husband had taken her to England last week for a holiday, but she had to run away from him and get back to Dublin. She knew that he had money in the bank, and he was never sober when he came to see her.

The Justice made an order for payment to the wife of 15s. a week by her husband, who was also bound to the peace in a £10 bond for twelve months.

KILLED BY BICYCLE.

Lilian Shaw (19), of Upper Stephen street, was charged with causing the death of Patrick Ahearn, Murphy's Cottages, Evergreen road, Cork, by knocking him down when riding a bicycle in Aungier street, Dublin, on January 16th, causing injuries from which he died at the Adelaide Hospital last Monday.

The evidence showed that the girl was riding on her proper side of the road at a moderate pace, and that the man stepped off the pathway and collided with the bicycle.

The charge was dismissed.

FATAL FALLS.

TWO INQUESTS IN BELFAST.

"Accidental death" was the verdict returned by Dr. James Graham, the Belfast Coroner, at an inquest which was held yesterday on James Gillen (42), of Baskin street, Belfast, who was killed when he fell from the engine-room of the steamship Chesapeake, an oil-tanker, to the deck below.

The evidence showed that deceased man had been in the employ of Messrs. Workman, Clark. He was working on the Chesapeake oiling valves in the engine-room. A fellow-workman was working beside him and heard a thud. The distance from where he had been working to the floor was about twenty feet. A fractured skull was the cause of death.

A similar verdict was returned in the case of Louis Finlay, of Mount street, Greencastle, Belfast, who died from injuries to the spine after falling from a ladder to the ground, a distance of ten feet.

SURVEYORS' INSTITUTION.

After twenty-five years Ireland again has been chosen by the Surveyors' Institution for its annual summer meeting. It will be held in Belfast from June 19 to 22. An attractive programme is being arranged by a committee, comprising the Chairman of the Irish Branch (Mr. W. Power-Steele, of Dublin); Sir J. McConnell, Bart., and Mr. W. H. Ferguson, of Belfast.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. Patrick's Cathedral.—Morning Service at 10 o'clock. Psalms, 110, 111. Benedictus, 43. Litany. Hymn, 604. Evening Service at 4 o'clock. Note—Men's voices. Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis, Stainer in D. Anthem, "O Saviour of the world," Roberts, 3732.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES. FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, Dublin, (a branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.), Lower Baggot street.—Services—Sunday, 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 11.30 a.m. Wednesday (Testimony Meeting), 8 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, same address, is open to the public daily from 11 a.m.

DUBLIN CIRCUIT COURT

COUNTERFEIT SHILLING.

ACCUSED MAN ACQUITTED.

(BEFORE JUDGE DAVITT.)

Thomas McCormack, a stoker, employed in the Botanic Gardens, Dublin, was tried on a charge of having uttered a counterfeit coin, purporting to be a Free State new shilling, on December 28 last to an assistant at the Botanic road Post Office.

Mr. John Maguire (instructed by Messrs. McHenry and Maguire) defended.

Miss Una Gavin, assistant in the post office, stated that the accused man had been a regular visitor to the post office every Friday to buy a twopenny stamp to attach to his pay sheet. On the day in question he asked for a stamp, and he gave her what she quickly discovered was a base coin. She asked him if he had twopence, and he said that he had no other coin. She gave him tenpence change. He had gone too far to call him back. Just then two Guards in mufti entered, and she said to them, showing the coin: "Here's a job for you." She described the accused man to the Guards, but nothing more was done until the following Friday, when the Guards were there to meet him.

The accused man was sworn, and denied that he had passed the coin to the woman assistant. That day the only coin he had in his possession was twopence, which he had got from his wife to buy the stamp. He had never seen the coin until it was shown to him in court.

The jury found the accused man not guilty, and he was discharged.

Mr. Carrigan, K.C., conducted the prosecution.

ROBBED HIS EMPLOYER.

YOUNG MAN SENTENCED.

Rupert Deacon (20) pleaded guilty to a charge of having stolen, over a series of months, a large quantity of goods, threads, combs and razors, to the value of about £200, from his employer, Mr. Hugh D. Little, of Great Strand street, Dublin. It was pleaded on his behalf that the people who induced him to steal were more guilty than he was.

The Judge sentenced him to four months' hard labour.

MISSING MONEY.

Bridie O'Brien, a young woman, was tried on a charge of having stolen £6 from James Byrne, 12 North Brunswick street, Dublin.

The evidence of Byrne was that, on December 8 last, he met the accused woman, whom he knew as Bridie Wilson, in a public-house in North King street. They had some drink, and she went with him to his house, where there were his two young children, his wife being in jail. After a little while he missed his pocket-book, in which there was £6. He charged her, and she accompanied him to the police station, where, however, it was discovered that the money was not in her possession.

She was acquitted and discharged.

RECOGNISANCES ESTREATED.

On the application of Mr. Carrigan, K.C., the Judge estreated the recognisance of £50 which had been entered into by Mr. Briscoe, T.D., on behalf of Mr. Joseph Edelstein, who had been charged with having broken fire alarms last October. On November 6th last Mr. Edelstein was again charged with a similar offence, and a fine of £20 was recorded against him. Therefore he had broken his undertaking.

The amount of the recognisance was reduced to £25.

A MISSING BICYCLE.

James Condron, son of a labourer, whose residence was given as at Inchicore, was found guilty of receiving a bicycle knowing it to have been stolen. It was proved to be the property of Daniel Sherry, blacksmith, of Mountpleasant, Dundalk.

There were four previous convictions against the accused boy.

He was put back to await sentence.

ABSENT JURORS FINED.

The jury panel was called over, and absentees had fines of £3 each recorded against them.

FROM THE LEGAL DIARY.

LAW NOTICES—Wednesday, January 23.

AN CHUIRT BHREITHEAMHNAIS UACHTARACH (The Supreme Court.)

For Hearing: Appeals—Estate of William Glover (at hearing); estate of William Taylor; Burke and others v Dublin Corporation.

AN ARD-CHUIRT BHREITHEAMHNAIS. (The High Court.)

In Court 1 at 11 o'clock. Circuit Appeals: Midland Circuit—Kenmitt v. Keane, (at hearing; Grennan v. Mollen; Fagan v. Gillooley; Larkin v. Cunnane.

In Court No. 1. For Friday, 25th January, at 11 o'clock:—Actions—Malone v. Buckley; Dillon v. Clyne. Summons—Perrin v. Rowley.

In Court 3 at 11 o'clock. Circuit Appeals: South-Western Circuit—Halloran v. O'Carroll (at hearing); Darning v. M'Carthy; Johnson v. National Bank; Maroney v. Greene; Breene v. Scanlan; Dowling v. Walsh; Molony v. Broderick; M'Cronan v. M'Grath.

TRIALS BY JURY.

In Court No. 6 at 11 o'clock. Non-Jury—M'Quaid v. Norwich Union Insurance Co. and others (issue); National Bank, Ltd., v. M'Quaid and others (issue). The Jury Actions will not be taken until Monday, the 4th February.

In Court 5 (at the conclusion of the Non-Jury List). Case Stated—Ministry for Industry and Commerce (appit.), Sara Harrigan (respdt.).

MAISTIR NA HARD-CHUIRTE. (The Master of the High Court.)

Before the Master at 11 o'clock—Motions of Course. Summary Summonses—Henry v. Henry; Trustee Act, 1893, and Coulson; National Bank, Ltd., v. O'Connor; same v. Bennett; Fottrell v. Webb; Trustee Act, 1893, and Thynne; Hemsworth v. Molloy; Condensed Milk Co. of Ireland, Ltd. v. Ryan; Carroll v. Carroll; Ulster Bank, Ltd., v. Dalton; Heavey v. Heavey; Johnson and Jorgenson Flint Glass, Ltd., v. Lennon and Sons; National Bank v. Rea; "Independent" Newspapers, Ltd., v. Collins; same v. Garland; M'Farland v. Darlington. On Notice—Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd., v. Sinnott; Julian v. Fottrell; Duggan v. O'Brien; National Bank, Ltd., v. Foley; Collins v. Collins.

OIFIG AN SCRUDORA. (The Examiners' Office.)

Mr. Ellerker—Hopkins v. Wilson; Companies Act and Kessel, Ltd.; Reilly v. Dunne; National Bank, Ltd., v. M'Govern; Royal Bank, Ltd., v. Ashmore; Tench v. Dennis; M'Carthy v. M'Carthy.

Mr. Healy (Room 61) at 11 o'clock—London General Insurance Co., Ltd., v. Guinan, sign cert.; Verschoyle v. Moran; T. J. Furlong, decd., Dollard Printing House, Dublin, Ltd., v. Furlong; D. M'Ardle, decd., Jeffers v. M'Ardle; Castlecomer Co-op. Agricultural Society, Ltd.; T. Morgan decd., Morgan v. Morgan; C. Kelly, decd., Murray v. Kelly; John O'Sullivan, decd., and Julia O'Sullivan, decd., O'Sullivan v. O'Neill; W. Melody, decd., Cudmore v. Melody; C. Farrely, decd., Farrelly v. Brady; Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd., v. Fottrell; D. Sheehan, decd., Sheehan v. Sheehan; M'Cann v. Kieran; E. Kirkland, decd., Grills v. Marks.

Mr. Dickinson (Room 74), at 11 o'clock—B. K. F. Tighe, settle schedule.

Mr. Adderley (Room 59), at 11 o'clock—M. M. Holmes, decd., Brady v. Murphy; J. Morgan, decd., M'Enery v. Hunt; Flynn's trusts, Seymour v. Mulhern; City of Dublin Steam Packet Co.; Usborne v. Limerick Market Trustees.

OIFIG AN MHAISTIR-MHEASAIREACHTA. (The Taxing Masters' Office.)

Master Denning, at 11 o'clock. Exparte Taxations—Knox, a minor (G.S.), Toomey and Barber; Irvine, a minor (G.S.), O'Keeffe and Lynch; M'Kenna, minors (G.S.), Brown and M'Cann; Tynte v. Bulmer, E. C. Jameson; Dublin Corporation and Fanagan, Harris and Greene; Bredin to Harris, Harris and Greene.

Master Macnamara, at 11 o'clock—Kelly v. Watters, J. E. M'Dermott; same, H. B. O'Hanlon; same, Hone and Falkiner; Long, decd., C. W. Ashe and Co.; Grangegorman Mental Hospital to Greene, T. J. Greene.

BANKRUPTCY. (Before the Registrar).

At 11 o'clock—Weymes, vch. ac., Collins and Son; arrangt., prove debts, Crowley, Bolger and Cusack; Gaffney, do. and vch., S. G. Rutherford; Russell, vch. mtgee. ac., Scallan and Co., arrangt., ac. comp., Fullerton and Doyle; Gorham, vch. mtgee. ac., P. C. Furlong; arrangt., prove debts, W. Smyth and Son; Shields, prove debts and vch., Peebles, Knox and Pigot; arrangt., ac. comp., Collins and Son; do., do., C. R. Robinson; do., do., Lynch and Deering; Gethings, vch. ac., C. J. Rutherfoord.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION. (Examiners' Chambers, at 93 Merrion square.)

Before Mr. Jeffrey White, at 11.30 o'clock—Henry Frederick Martin (S 1770), settle schedule.

Before Mr. Longfield, at 11 o'clock—George Knox (E.C. 7445), vouch.

Before Mr. Brett, at 11 o'clock—Royal Bank of Ireland, discharge rulings.

THE COURT OF THE RAILWAY TRIBUNAL. (In the Council Chamber, City Hall).

For Friday, 25th January, at 3 o'clock. Summons—In the matter of the application of the Co. Council of the County of Galway, applicants; the G.S. Railways Co., respondents: in the matter of the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1854, Section 2, and the Railways Act, 1924, Section 58; in the matter of the application of the Co. Council of the County of Westmeath and the County Council of the County of Roscommon, applicants; the G.S. Railways Co., respondents.

AN CHUIRT CHUARDA (The Circuit Court.)

Before Judge Davitt, at Green Street Courthouse, at 11 o'clock. Circuit Criminal Court—A full attendance of jurors requested. Absent jurors will be fined.

Before Judge Gleeson, at Dublin Castle. In Court No. 5. Actions—O'Beirne v. Scully; Kerris v. Dunlop Rubber Co., Ltd.; Morris v. Foley; Adamson v. Hannigan and others; Begley v. Fairbrother.

Before Judge Gleeson, at Court No. 5, Dublin Castle. For Thursday, 24th January, at 11 o'clock—M'Donald and ors. v. Morris and ors.; Flanagan v. Shell Mex (to be mentioned).

Before Judge Gleeson.—The following cases will shortly appear in Judge Gleeson's list for hearing:—Somerville v. Wilbelmy; Barnes v. Hayes; Bury v. Macee; Brassington v. Gordon; Berkerry v. Fairways, Ltd.; same v. Wood-Hill; Brooks, Thomas and Co. v. Burke; Burke v. Brooks, Thomas and Co. (March); M'Donnell v. Savino (March); Carolan v. Downey; Cook v. Boylan; Cosgrave, Ltd., v. Clarke; Clarke v. Cosgrave, Ltd. (Oct. Session); Comiskey v. M'Cafferty and others; Cuddy v. Cohen; Connolly v. Smith; Crofton v. Clarke; Contemptible 'Bus Co. v. D.U. Tram Co., Ltd.; Clarke v. Glenn; Darker v. Abbott; Deegan v. Tynan. Ejectments—The list of ejectments will be taken up when the above list of Civil Actions is disposed of.

AN CLARATHOIR CONTAE (The County Registrar).

At 12.30 o'clock—Soraghan v. Soraghan, proceed under order; Kearney v. Dignam, tax costs.

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FATAL HESITANCY.

MILLTOWN MAN KILLED IN 'BUS ACCIDENT.

An inquest was held in St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, yesterday, on Michael Doyle (60), of Milltown, who was knocked down by a 'bus on the Milltown road on January 12 last, and died in the hospital last Monday.

Dr. C. J. Shortall, house surgeon, stated that death was due to cardiac failure, accelerated by the injuries sustained in the accident.

Thomas O'Flanagan, of 4 Albert place, Kilmainham, a 'bus conductor employed by the Robin 'Bus Company, stated that he was conducting a Robin 'bus along Milltown road towards Milltown, and when near the side entrance to the Jesuit College a man gave a signal to stop to a Tramway 'bus just in front. The man was on the right footpath, and made to go across the road. Seeing the Robin 'bus he appeared to become confused and hesitated. The driver of the Robin 'bus swerved to avoid him; but in doing so the left rear mudguard struck against the man and knocked him down.

Michael Crawford, 117 Summerhill, Dublin, the driver of the Tramway 'bus, stated that he saw the man signal to him to stop, and he did so. At the same time he heard a crash, and on looking back saw a Robin 'bus on the footpath a short distance behind. The man's arm was caught under the left back wheel, and he assisted in pushing the 'bus off it.

JURY'S RIDER.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, and added a rider that there was no evidence to show whether there was any negligence on the part of the driver.

In reply to Dr. Louis A. Byrne, City Coroner, the foreman stated that they were not exonerating the driver, because they had not sufficient evidence either to blame or exonerate.

In the Dublin District Court last Monday Justice Collins refused informations against Joseph Murtagh, driver of the Robin 'bus, who was charged with causing the death of Doyle.

CAME TO DUBLIN TO LOOK FOR WORK.

CORK MAN KILLED BY GIRL CYCLIST

"Death from injuries accidentally sustained when knocked down by a girl cyclist" was the verdict returned at an inquest which was held in the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, yesterday, by Dr. Louis A. Byrne, City Coroner, and a jury, into the circumstances of the death of Patrick Ahern (30), a native of Cork. Ahern was knocked down on January 16 last, and died in the hospital last Monday.

Mrs. Rachel Ahern, 5 Murphy's Gardens, Evergreen road, Cork, stated that her husband had come to Dublin to look for work.

Mr. J. P. Curran, 1a Whitefriar place, Dublin, stated that at 1.40 p.m. on January 16 he saw Ahern standing on the footway in Aungier street. He next heard a crash, and on looking around he saw Ahern and a girl cyclist lying in a heap on the ground, with the bicycle near them. He had Ahern removed to hospital.

Miss Lillian Shaw, of 13 Upper Stephen street, Dublin, stated that she was cycling along Aungier street towards South Great George's street on her right side of the road and at a slow rate of speed. A man suddenly stepped off the footway and collided with her. They were both knocked down.

Replying to Mr. Keery, solicitor, who represented her, witness said that there was no traffic at the time, and that she had had no time to give the man warning.

In answer to Inspector Dunleavy, who represented the Civic Guards, she stated that the man was not knocked down by her. He collided with her bicycle.

Dr. W. G. Green, house surgeon, said that in his opinion death was due to fracture of the skull, which could have been caused by contact with the ground.

The jury returned a verdict as stated, and added a rider exonerating the cyclist from all blame.

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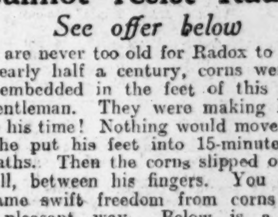

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CHORAL COOKERY.

THE TUNEFUL POT.

MICK'S FAIRY TALES.

(By D. M. LARGE.)

IF one were to accept all Mick's stories of the past, one must believe that his life has been warped, and his heart scalded and tormented beyond bearing, by the extraordinary vagaries of the damsels in the kitchens of the different houses in whose yards and gardens he has worked. His listeners feel sure, however, that these periods of exasperation were brought about by a reasonable enough request for kindling sticks or potatoes at a moment when Mick was otherwise engaged, and that the irritation was far from being continuous.

"There was a cook below in Lismoyle," he told us bitterly, "an' I only a young lad at the time, aiger to do what I was bid; an' that was the tarthar, I'm tellin' you, an' not a tooth in her head, no more nor a flour bag, an' she givin' out the pay; God knows what she done wid' all the kindlin' sticks; for the vapour'd be risin' off of me where I'd be splittin' them in their thousands, an' layin' them in hapes around her, an' not one word of thanks for it atthet!"

Another unreasonable female occupied the kitchen at Lismoyle, where the spring water had to be pumped in the yard and carried into the house for the needs of the household. "She was a prime cook all right," Mick admits, "an if she was, she knew it, an' all the Quality that come to the house had that one's paws to grayse, or she'd soon rise a report. I' often said to meself, an' I hommerin' the dickens out of the pump, mornin', noon an' night, that them people must have had the dhrinkin' diabetes; for the whole cry was 'wather, wather,' no matther what you'd be at."

TAKING THE OFFENSIVE.

After many years' experience of the vagaries of the "gerls in the kitchen," Mick learnt to take the offensive, and all his remarks to Delia are addressed in an aggrieved, hectoring tone, which she echoes in her replies. Yet, underneath this superficial unfriendliness there is, on Delia's part, a deep desire to hear the thrilling bits of information gathered by Mick from various sources, and on his part an equally deep desire to impart the information to her, though to use his own words, "She does take me up terrible smart."

"Did the concert start off yet?" he asked the other morning, with a fixed stare at the utensils on the range. "Aye did it," Delia answered immediately, without the least idea what he meant, but, noting the direction of his gaze: "Don't you hear the kettle an' it singin' like a thrush?" "Kettle, how are you," said Mick severely, "Sure, I seen it on the paper where a woman was gettin' the dinner, an' when she ruz the lid off of th' inions, didn't the *Ave Maria* burst out along wid the shteam an' put the heart across in her." Delia took her hand quickly from the lid she had been about to lift, and looked at Mick with suspicion. "Musha'n what are you sayin' wid your *Ave Marias?*" she said; "you always do have some fairy tale to be tellin'," and she lifted the lid off the saucepan and plunged the cabbage into the boiling water.

THE MAGIC SAUCEPAN.

"That I may never lie," Mick said earnestly. "Sure it bates out all right enough, but they do say now that you needn't put up them wireless poles fornenst the house at all, nor them yokes you do clap upon your ears; for, seemingly, an ould pot upon the range is able to pick up a chune out of nowhere at all an' to play it on the minute up through the shteam." Delia looked searchingly at her informant, and from him to the bubbling saucepan. "They must be saying something," she said indifferently, and turned her attention to the earthy potatoes Mick had dumped beside the sink: "What, in the name of man, would the pots be beginnin' to play chunes for now, when they kept quite for so long?" she asked reasonably. "I'm bilin' cabbage a good shtart now, but I never heard a cheep out of it yet, only to spit like a cat when the wather'd lep out on the range."

Mick was well primed. "Tisn't every saucepan can do it," he said seriously; "only one that'd have its diagram chuned to th' iliments, an', if it had, I could be singin' a piece of a song in Dublin, an' you'd hear me in the Irish stew as plain as if I was beside you." "God forbid," said Delia hastily; "I wouldn't be long till I'd clap the lid back on it, or knock the diagram out of it aither, if it took to that soort of work"; and she busied herself in the back kitchen with such a clatter that further conversation was impossible.

Half-an-hour later a piercing shriek brought Mick to his feet in the shed, and the axe with which he had been splitting sticks fell heavily on his toe. "Come here, for God's sake, Michael Clancy," Delia called from the back-door, "till you hear the 'Soldiers' Song' comin' out of the spuds." Mick picked up the axe and felt the edge with his thumb.

THE BREHON LAWS.

PROFESSOR THURNEYSEN'S INVESTIGATIONS.

Professor Rudolf Thurneysen, of the University of Bonn, Germany, who has come to Dublin on the invitation of the Royal Irish Academy, as the joint guest of the Academy and of the Irish Free State Government, will take up his task of the study of the old Irish Brehon Laws and literature generally next week. Professor Thurneysen holds a high place as an Irish scholar. As far back as 1907 the Royal Irish Academy conferred honorary membership upon him in recognition of his work. He has worked out the Ulster Cycle of the old Irish saga—the Cuchullain Cycle, and within the last seven years or so has taken up the study of what has been styled the most obscure department of Irish scholarship—the old Irish laws.

His work in this direction has been hampered by his inability to consult the original manuscript sources. That difficulty will be removed now, as in Dublin there is the largest collection of these manuscripts. During his work, which is expected to last over a period of six months, Dr. Thurneysen will hold seminars with some of the best-known scholars of old Irish. Amongst these will be Professor R. A. S. Macallister (President of the Royal Irish Academy), Dr. E. J. Gwynn (Provost of Trinity College, Dublin), Dr. Bergin, and Dr. Best. There will also be present Dr. Knock, of Bonn University; Dr. R. M. Smith, Harvard University, and Dr. Hull, also from the United States.

MISS MERAUD GUINNESS.

MILLIONAIRE'S DAUGHTER TO MARRY AN ARTIST.

Miss Meraud Michael Wemyss Guinness, the twenty-four years old daughter of Mr. Benjamin Guinness, the millionaire, and Mrs. Guinness, one of London's best-known hostesses, is to marry. An application for a marriage licence has been filed at the St. Martin's District Register Office, Henrietta street, Covent Garden, London.

The prospective bridegroom is Alvaro Guevara, who is described as being thirty-five years of age, a bachelor, and an artist. His address is given as Percy street, Tottenham Court road, London. Miss Guinness's address is given as 12 Carlton House terrace, S.W.

The Registrar told a Press Association reporter that, as far as he knew, no date had been fixed for the wedding. At any rate, he had not been notified of one.

Miss Guinness is well known as a painter, and some of her work which appeared at the Paris Exhibition was highly praised.

AN IRISHMAN'S DIARY.

Birds in Leeson Street : The Cost of a Farthing : Plover in the Mountains. The Smallest Shop : Roses in Bloom : Sea and Stage. Rugby Internationals : Schoolboys' Ethics.

Dublin Birds.

Passing along Lower Leeson street the other day, I was arrested by a strange, humming sound, which filled the air as I passed a certain spot. Glancing upwards, I saw that the belfry of the Church of Ireland Magdalen Chapel was alive with birds, and it was the sound of twitterings from thousands of throats which arose even above the noise of the trams as they thunder down the street. Strange, that of all the churches in the neighbourhood this one should have been chosen by its feathered occupants. Probably its attraction lies in the pierced stonework of the belfry, which affords dozens of those tiny entrances and exits so beloved of birds.

A Distinguished Ornithologist.

The Rev. Charles E. Raven, D.D., who was the principal speaker at yesterday's annual meeting at Dublin of the Royal Zoological Society of Ireland, has a high reputation on each side of the Irish Sea, both as a clergyman and as a student of zoology.

DR. RAVEN.

Dr. Raven, who is in his 45th year, is the son of a barrister, and was educated at Uppingham School, and later at Caius College, where he was a Scholar. From 1909 to 1920 he was Fellow, Dean, and Lecturer in Theology at Emmanuel College, and he served during part of that period as Army chaplain.

He was, in turn, examining chaplain to the Bishops of Southwell, Llandaff, and Liverpool, and his ability was recognised by his appointments as Hulsean Lecturer in 1926 and Noble Lecturer at Harvard. In 1919 he came to Trinity College, Dublin, as Donnellan Lecturer; and he has also visited the Free State capital as a Church missioner. Dr. Raven, who is a chaplain to the King, has been Canon of Liverpool since 1924.

An Amanullah Story.

A military friend who has seen the stories of King Amanullah in the "Diary" tells me that he was at Woolwich when the Amir paid a state visit there. When he alighted from his Rolls-Royce the guard of honour presented arms, and at the moment a native *aide-de-camp* handed the King a camera, with which he calmly proceeded to "snap" the guard. Later the King attended a dinner in the Military College. Instead of a table-cloth a long strip of linen ran down each side of the table, and before the port was handed round the mess-waiters rolled up these strips, catching them at either end, and rolling them with a sort of flourish towards the centre. At this King Amanullah showed, for the first time, signs of animation, clapping his hands and asking that the performance be repeated. He thought this "turn" had been specially put on for his amusement!

Another Puzzle Exploded.

The puzzle of the sailor who liked China tea recalls another which I recently heard exploded by a man who found an answer that was not contemplated by the puzzle's author. I allude to John o' London's celebrated Mystery of the Ivory Fan. This problem runs as follows:—

An editor one day found a curious story in manuscript upon his desk. It ran to the following effect: A certain man and his wife went to church one day during exceedingly hot weather. The man grew sleepy, but his wife, who held an antique fan of beautifully carved ivory, overcame drowsiness by fanning herself. The man grew more and more sleepy; his head sank and he began to tilt forwards. He slept, and dreamed a dream. He thought in the dream that he was a victim of the French Revolution and had been sentenced to the guillotine; that his head was on the block, and that the knife was rushing down. At this precise moment, his wife noticed that he was asleep. In order to wake him, she tapped him on the back of the neck with her antique ivory fan; but, instead of waking, he fell forward dead!

The editor refused to print the story; for he was not an American, and he pointed out that the tale bore internal evidence that it was untrue. The problem is: What fallacy did the editor detect?

My readers at this point can wrestle with the problem for themselves. It is a curious fact that men often fail completely to solve it, whereas the incredulous sex usually guesses the answer in a flash. I will now disclose the solution as it is usually given—the editor noticed that, if the man fell dead, the reporter never could have found out what he had been dreaming.

A friend, however, has exploded the editor's reasoning. He is a diligent reader of detective stories and advances the hypothesis that the dreaming man talked in his sleep!

The Smallest Shop.

A correspondent asks which is the smallest shop in Dublin. There is a little fruiterer's in Lower Baggot street which would surely qualify for this distinction. This shop is really a sort of lean-to against the side wall of a big drapery stores, and looks somewhat like a miniature greenhouse, with its window heaped with glowing fruit. There is no room inside for a counter, only just space enough for the stout proprietor and his equally stout wife to stand in single file, as it were. As far as one can see, if they wish to change places, the foremost one has to go out into the street first, while the customers do their shopping from the pavement.

Pampered Flowers.

Human beings may grumble at the cold; but roses do not seem to mind, for an amateur gardener writes:—"I have never been without roses since last June, and at Christmas I gathered a pale pink and a cream one to brighten my rather sombre holly decorations. Since the new year I have cut a crimson one and some sprays of white rambler." I have heard roses called selfish flowers, taking much ground and more pampering, and giving very little result; but my correspondent's tribute would seem to refute this charge.

Schoolboys in Trams.

Reading in another column a few days ago some comments on the manners of Dublin schoolboys in tramcars, writes a correspondent, there recurred to my mind an incident of a few weeks ago.

Behind me on the upper deck of an enclosed tramcar were two boys wearing the coloured caps of a well-known, and justly famed, Dublin school. One of them was fingering his penny, and, in tossing it about he dropped it so that it rolled under my seat. Having recovered his penny, the fidgetty one resumed his seat. The other boy proceeded to scold him for dropping the coin. "Just drawing attention. Why can't you keep that penny to yourself? You just want the conductor to see you!" "But he'll see me anyway," said the boy with the penny. "Not if you stay quiet. You just keep looking out the window. He will go up and down calling, 'Fares, please,' but if you do not look around he'll pass along all right!" "Is that right?" asked the astonished fare-payer. "Of course, it is. Just you try it now when he comes."

The advice was taken—and it certainly succeeded. This is one way of getting about without any cost.

Sea and Stage.

It is not often we find a sailor deserting the sea for the stage. But that, I am told, is what has happened in the case of Mr. Fred. Johnson, the young actor whose representation of Mat Burke in Eugene O'Neill's "Anna Christie" at the Gate Theatre last week, has made the critics foretell a successful future for him.

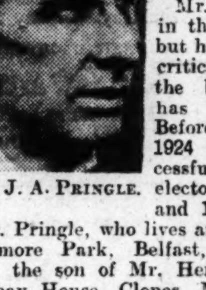
Mr. Johnson is the only son of Senator Thomas Johnson, the Labour leader, and he is still, I believe, in his twenties. At a very early age the sea was his first love, and he served in all sorts of capacities before the mast and received his master's ticket while still little more than a boy. Much of his time abroad was spent in Central and South American waters.

Five or six years ago he returned to Ireland, and for a time devoted his attention to politics, particularly in County Dublin, for which his father sat in the Dail from 1922 to 1927. After his return he began to take a practical interest in amateur theatricals, and he was one of a small group of players who were the first to produce George Bernard Shaw's "O'Flaherty, V.C.," in Dublin. Later he took part in some of the performances of the New Players, and last year he accepted an invitation to tour with Mr. Anew McMaster's Shakespearean Company and the experience proved invaluable to him.

Since the establishment of the Gate Theatre studio at the beginning of this season Mr. Johnson's stagecraft has developed rapidly. The Gate's repertory suits him admirably, and he appears as much at home as a seaman on the stage as he was when a sailor aboard an actual ship.

Tyrone M.P.'s Retirement.

Mr. James Alexander Pringle, K.C., who has definitely decided to cease his representation in the Imperial Parliament as Member for Tyrone and Fermanagh, has held the seat since 1924, when he was elected by a huge majority.



MR. J. A. PRINGLE.

Mr. Pringle is still in the prime of life, but he states that the critical period for the border counties has been passed. Before his election in 1924 he had unsuccessfully wooed the electorate in 1922 and 1923.

Mr. Pringle, who lives at Eden-a-Grena, Cranmore Park, Belfast, was born in 1874, the son of Mr. Henry Pringle, of Clonbay House, Clones, Monaghan. He qualified as a solicitor in 1900, and was called to the Bar in 1912, and to the inner Bar (Northern Ireland) in 1921.

The Cost of a Farthing.

Who would think that a new farthing costs 3s. 7½d. Those know this to their cost who have been sending away sets of the new coins to their friends. One reader collected all the coins, except the farthing. For this he searched Dublin without avail. Finally, he had to buy a nice little set made up by the Currency Commission, complete in case; and for this set, worth 6s. 4¾d., he paid 10s. You can work it out for yourselves.

The Rugby Internationals.

Irish Rugby followers were eagerly looking forward to the results of the two Rugby internationals played on Saturday last, and from the various comments passed on the matches general satisfaction is expressed. Still, great surprise must be felt at the scores, both in the English-Welsh and the Scottish-French matches. It will be remembered that in the final trials England beat the Rest by 24 points to 17 points, and, as this score is suggestive of a tendency to weakness in defence, the brilliant tackling and rock-like defence shown by England on Saturday is a revelation, and shows how little previous form counts. The same thing applies to Wales, who in their final trials put up a total of 47 points to the Possibles' 12 points. This suggests a tower of strength in the Welsh attack, and yet against England they were especially weak in finishing off their invasions, and many chances to score were lost. Previous form and achievements, especially in international teams, is very misleading, and one simply cannot forecast the results or tell the chances of one country against another.

France must feel just a little bit downhearted by the second reverse of the season, and certainly have reason to feel "sore," as the luck of the game has gone completely against them both this year and last. With an average amount of luck and a little less excitability on their opponents' line that "natty" little team would hold its own in the Championship table. Ireland beat them by six clear points, Scotland by three; what will England and Wales do against them? Any Frenchman can answer the question without hesitation.

Mr. Robinson as Producer.

It is interesting to learn that Mr. Lennox Robinson, who went to the United States on a lecture tour last October, has been given an appointment as Dramatic Adviser to the Ann Arbor University in Michigan, and will remain there, probably, until next June. Mr. Robinson, I hear, has been asked to produce several plays during his stay. Michigan is one of the centres in the Middle West, where the Little Theatre movement has been most successful, and where the Irish players and dramatists have a fine reputation.

Lady Turner.

After a period of six years as Lady Mayoress of Belfast, Lady Turner retires from that high position to-day. During her long period of office she has won the high opinions of every section of the community by her notable kindness and generosity and the sympathy which she has shown to all. One of her greatest achievements is the ex-Service Men's Fund, and last Christmas no fewer than seven thousand parcels were distributed among deserving families.

LADY TURNER.

Lady Turner was tireless in fulfilling her many social engagements, and was a dignified and gracious hostess at all the civic ceremonies and receptions. Both Sir William and Lady Turner will carry with them into their more private life the good wishes of the people of Belfast for their future welfare and happiness.

Plover and Daphne.

As I was walking in the Dublin mountains last Sunday, writes a correspondent, I caught sight of a wonderful day's sport. In a field, a little way beyond the Glencullen cross-roads, nine plover were standing in a group. It was our first day of sun for many weeks, and it was surprising that no sportsmen were about in that district, and few people walking, or even motoring. One would have expected a regular exodus to the country after our recent heavy grey skies and gloomy days.

Remembering, as I walked, my sudden discovery last winter of the beautiful glowing bush, exquisitely perfumed, I looked out anxiously as I came near Ballyedmunduff for the little garden where it grew. I had a friend with me who had spent some years in Australia, and when I told him of the bush he said he thought it was certainly "Daphne." As we approached the garden there was no scent, and when my friend asked me which of the bushes it was I was very much ashamed that I could not tell him. As I remembered the garden, there was only one bush, and it was glowing. Last Sunday I counted six, all in a wintry condition. We went in, and, on looking closer at one of the bushes, we noticed one small purple-red flower. Even that one tiny blossom had a wonderful perfume. "It is Daphne," said my friend. He told me that it grows wild in Australia, but it is difficult to find, in much the same way as white heather is in Ireland. Sprigs of it are sold for fancy prices in certain parts of America. The Ballyedmunduff bush ought to be in full bloom in a fortnight.

Beauty Spots.

Apropos of the preservation of beauty spots, it would seem that we stand urgently in need of a National Trust for such a purpose in this country, especially in the neighbourhood of the large cities. Howth Head is being spoiled as rapidly as possible by the erection of ugly shacks and bungalows, and the closing of what were formerly rights-of-way. I remember, as a child, being driven from Greystones in one of those old-fashioned victorias or *vis-a-vis*, through the Glen of the Downs, which in those days was a wonderful leafy tunnel of green trees in the summer. When I revisited the Glen years after I could hardly believe it was the same spot. Most of the lovely trees were gone, and stumps showed on all sides. It had lost all the associations of its really beautiful name—Glen of the Downs.

The Skin Thief.

The spell of severe cold which opened the new year brought forth many and varied complaints, but I think about the most original was that uttered by a maiden lady. "I'm so cold," she declared, "I feel as if someone had stolen my skin!" As well as bitter weather, 1929 brought in its train a particularly vicious type of cold, but it has occasioned at least one amusing story. A sufferer was taking cough mixture, and also applying turpentine to a delicate chest. One evening he got the bottles mixed, and rubbed on the cough mixture. But, luckily, discovered his mistake before drinking the turpentine.

Discriminating Taste.

I paused in Molesworth street the other day to look at a number of Japanese colour prints in a shop-window. Two youngsters, a girl of about six and a small boy of four, stood gazing fascinatedly at the display. I waited for illumination, as they were obviously absorbed. From one brightly coloured group to another they passed without comment, till suddenly the four-year-old stopped dead before a humourous, uncoloured sketch of Japanese soldiers in outlandish armour rushing helter-skelter to the fray. "Oh look!" he exclaimed, with a delighted gurgle, "they're all runnin'."

Was it a boy's love of action or the discriminating eye of a future artist prompted his remark?

Pseudography.

I am afraid that some of our public bodies pay very little attention to orthography. Recently, for instance, in a certain harbour master's office I noticed an announcement, issued last August by the Dungarvan Urban District Council, in which longitude was misspelled "longtitude."

However, I think that the majority of Irish people pronounce and spell this word incorrectly.

QUIDNUNC.

OVER THE STICKS.

FORGOTTEN ROMANCE OF THE STEEPLECHASE.

(By the Author of "The Romance of the Turf.")

IT is more than a little strange that racing on the "flat" should have flourished in England for centuries before the first recorded steeplechase was witnessed. In fact, there are men living to-day whose grandfathers may well have cheered the winner of that pioneer cross-country race in Leicestershire, in 1792, between Sir Gilbert Heathcote, Lord Forester and Mr. Needham, in which Mr. Needham is reported as having said to his lordship: "It will save you a hundred yards if you'll come through my garden and jump the gate into the road."

In 1803 we read of a match in Ireland, the outcome of a hunt dinner, in which the stakes consisted of a hogshead of claret, a pipe of port and a quarter-cask of rum. Two years later we are told by the *Sporting Magazine* that "there came on the decision a match which has created much interest in the sporting world, and which amongst that community is denominated a 'steeplechase,' the parties undertaking to surmount all obstructions, and to pursue in their progress as straight a line as possible."

The contest was between Mr. Bullivant of Shroxton, Mr. Day of Wymondham, and Mr. Frisby of Waltham, and was for a sweepstake prize of 300 guineas. The riders were attired in handsome jockey dresses of orange, crimson, and sky-blue; and the race, which was over eight miles of country, was won by Mr. Bullivant in the creditable time of 25 minutes, 32 seconds.

One would like to linger over the chronicles of these old steeplechases, and tell of that great match against time in which Major Wilson rode twenty miles for a wager—one minute eleven seconds to spare—inside the stipulated seventy minutes; or of the twenty-six mile match for 100 guineas between Mr. R. Melprop and Mr. Arnold, of Stamford Hill, which the latter won in one hour fifty-two minutes, swimming his horse through a swollen river on the way.

TWELVE FALLS.

There was the disastrous race at Lismore, of which the report runs: "In all, twelve falls, but nobody killed. Betting, even at starting, that there would be six falls"; the match for £4,000 between Captain Ross and Lord Kennedy; and the prowess of that wonderful "lepper," Moonraker, who was bought for £18 out of a water-cart, won the St. Alban's Steeplechase in 1831, and "cleared the Holloway lane in the course of an exercise canter."

The sport, as was inevitable, grew rapidly in favour; and, in spite of great rivalry, Liverpool had established her claim to be considered the headquarters of steeplechasing more than eighty years ago. In 1839, the first Grand National was announced for "a sweepstake of twenty sovereigns each, with one hundred sovereigns added; weight 12 stone each, gentleman riders, and four miles across country. The second horse to save his stakes; the winner to pay ten sovereigns towards expenses. No rider to open a gate or ride through a gateway, or more than one hundred yards along any road, footpath or driftway."

Such were the conditions under which the first race for the "Blue Riband" of the steeplechasing world was run. The winner proved to be that grand horse, Lottery, who finished so full of go that he is said to have cleared ten yards over the last fence. Of Lottery, who seems to have been a wonderful horse, an authority says: "When others could hardly rise at their fences, he seemed to jump as if from a springboard. His jumping muscles were first brought into such high play by putting him in a ring with flights of rails round it, and a man in the middle to keep him moving; and he perfected his jumping education with Mr. Anderson's staghounds."

A MARKED IMPROVEMENT.

Grand horse as Lottery undoubtedly was in his day, he won in the slowest time on record, fourteen minutes thirty-five seconds—a time which has since been reduced by considerably over five minutes. There can be no question that since Lottery's time there has been a very marked and progressive improvement in the steeplechase horse, as the following figures abundantly show.

The average time of the race was, roughly, 13 minutes up to 1844, when Cureall won in ten minutes forty-seven seconds. During the 'sixties and 'seventies it fell to an average of eleven minutes, while during the past twenty years the time has rarely exceeded ten minutes. From these figures it would appear that Lottery would have made a very poor show against a good 'chaser of to-day, who ought, as judged by the respective times, to be able to give him a very long start and a beating.

A notable successor to Lottery was Chandler, winner of the Grand National in 1848. Chandler was not a beauty to look at; in fact, so unprepossessing was he that when his owner—a farmer—showed him to a certain nobleman, the latter exclaimed: "I wouldn't have such a fiddle-headed brute in my stable!" When, a little later, the nobleman saw the "fiddle-headed brute" win a steeplechase in superb style, he was glad to become his owner for a substantial sum.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE PHŒNIX PARK MOTOR RACES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—On reading your article on the arrangements for the proposed motor races in the Phœnix Park in July, and the very disappointing response to the Royal Irish Automobile Club's appeal, one cannot help wondering why everybody seems so apathetic. We are all of us interested in, and make use of, motor cars. Is it not, then, in all our interests to support the event, since it is a truism that "racing improves the breed?" Can it be that we are losing our interest in sport and racing? Hardly—to judge by the large crowds which flocked to all the big sporting events of last year. Can it be that a famine of money, rivalling even the plagues of old Egypt, is expected in July next by all the good citizens of Dublin? If 70,000 people view the races—a very conservative figure—surely a quarter of them reasonably may expect to be in sufficiently affluent circumstances to stand a call of one pound on their pockets? In other words, if these potential spectators come forward now, the deficit in the guarantee will be wiped out twice over.

I, personally, however, believe that neither of the reasons given above is the correct one. It is that we—the men in the street, as it were—have not taken the races sufficiently to ourselves. We see guarantees of, say, £500, and say to ourselves that this is only a job for the rich man, forgetting that a large number of small sums are just as useful as a few large ones. Let us regard the race as a personal matter and send on our small guarantees at once, so as to assist the Club. There is no difficulty about the procedure. All that you have to do is to call at the Royal Irish Automobile Club Office, 34 Dawson street, Dublin, when you can sign up the guarantee form; or you can write to it direct, when a form will be forwarded to you.—Yours, etc.,

W. D. E. McCREA.

Wood street, Dublin,
January 22nd, 1929.

THE FREE STATE RAILWAYS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—It is a deplorable testimony to the callousness of the labour organisations that, as reported, 250 workers on the Great Southern Railways are, for economic causes, to be dismissed. Had those at the head of these organisations not insisted on keeping up wages near the war level, that course would not have become necessary. When will the individual members of these organisations see the fate that is overtaking them? They are like the bullock in the stall that sees the fodder, but not the butcher's block that awaits him.—Yours, etc.,

E. A. HACKETT.

Castletown Park, Ballycumber,
January 21st, 1929.

PHARMACEUTICAL DANCE.

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT THE METROPOLE.

The dance held last night in the Metropole Ballroom, Dublin, was the first of a series of entertainments connected with the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland which will take place during the future months in Dublin, preparatory to the visit of over 500 persons in June for the British Pharmaceutical Conference. There was an attendance of over 300 persons at the dance, which proved most successful. Dancing was carried on from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., and it was evident that all present enjoyed themselves. Much of the success of this function is due to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Victor E. Hanna, M.P.S.I. The attendance included:—

Dr. Walsh and party, Miss O'Flanagan, Dr. and Mrs. Ashe, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Wilson and party, Mr. Mushatt, Mr. Tobin, Mrs. Morrow and party, Mr. T. H. Walsh, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Ussher, Mr. Attwool, Mr. M. J. Timoney, Mr. Misstear and party, Mr. Smullen, Mr. Magee, Mr. F. J. Barragry, Miss Sutherland, Mr. J. V. McKeever, Mr. Bourke, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Brady and party, Mr. E. J. Evans and party, Mr. Savage, Miss Kirwan, Mr. P. D. Larkin and party, Mr. P. Cahill, Dr. Ryan and party, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Keogh, Mr. O'Farrell and party, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Keyes, Mr. D. J. Nugent and party, Chairman of Executive Committee, Mr. Oliphant and party, Mr. W. H. Roche, Miss Bouchier Hayes and party, Mr. W. Richardson, Mr. Gannon, Mr. J. Ryan, Mr. C. O'Reilly, Mr. J. O'Reilly, Miss Griffin, Mr. G. Dowdall, Mr. E. Nugent, Mr. V. H. Hanna, Mr. J. T. Dwyer, Mr. Costelloe and party, Mr. T. E. Hannan, Mr. Conlon, Miss Pritchard, Mr. Campion and party, Mr. J. C. Dawson, Mr. Gorry, Mr. F. Pearson.

USE OF REFERENCE LIBRARIES.

CURATOR'S TESTIMONY.

Are reference libraries growing in popularity? Mr. W. R. Butterfield, the Curator of the Public Library at Hastings, which to-day opens an absolutely up-to-date reference library, is inclined to think that they are especially used by the middle-aged and older generations.

"The young people," he remarked, "devote their attention more particularly to the light literature of the day, which, perhaps, gives them less stimulation to study and research. Yet there is, no doubt, a growing tendency towards various avenues of research—art, for instance, and open-air tastes, such as fishing and sport. Perhaps, there is less research on ecclesiastical problems and sociology than one would anticipate.

"On the other hand, there is an evident and welcome disposition to the increased study of local history—folk lore, for instance, on which Hastings specialises. We possess a magnificent collection of the records of Hastings and East Sussex, and in this direction lies one of the greatest literary assets of our reference library."

Thatched Cottages in a typical setting at Bognor, near where the King will stay.

BRITISH REVENUE RETURN.

FURTHER DECREASE IN FLOATING DEBT.

This week's British Revenue figures disclose a steady inflow of money into the Exchequer, which throws some light on the scanty margin of credit in the short-loan market. Total revenue for the week at £23,000,000, although considerably lower than for the corresponding week of last year, exceeds ordinary expenditure by, roughly, £9,000,000, the chief contributors to revenue being income tax, with £9,600,000; Excise, £7,200,000; motor vehicles duties, £3,400,000; and super-tax, with £2,300,000. Among "other receipts," it is noteworthy that the Road Fund brings in £2,800,000; while the amount received for National Savings Certificates exceeds redemptions by £200,000. The net effect is a further decrease in the floating debt, an expansion of some £5,500,000 in advances by public departments being more than offset by contraction of £17,000,000 in the volume of outstanding Treasury Bills.

£50,000 TO HELP DESERVING BOYS.

JERSEY MAN'S BIG GIFT.

At the sitting of the Jersey States yesterday, the President received correspondence from Mr. Thomas Benjamin Frederick Davis offering a gift of £50,000 for the education and training of deserving boys selected from public elementary schools of the island, with the object of enabling them, on passing the necessary examination, to enter Imperial Services either in Great Britain, India or the Dominions.

The gift, which was gratefully accepted, is in memory of Mr. Davis's son Howard Leopold Davis, who was killed during the war. Mr. Davis is a native of Jersey, and in his younger days he was a stevedore.

Three years ago Mr. Davis bought a farm locally, and endowed it with £50,000 as an experimental farm in memory of another son, Glanham. He handed the farm over to the States of Jersey. He is a keen yachtsman, and owner of the famous sailing yacht Westward.

RECENT IRISH WILLS.

Mr. Charles Nugent Humble, late of Cloncoskeraine, Dungarvan, County Waterford, who died in Portobello House, Dublin, October 19th, 1928, left £15,803

Probate has been granted to the Rev. John Going, Dungarvan, sole executor.

Mr. William Purser, formerly of Castle avenue, Clontarf, and late of Clarence Gate Gardens, London, who died August 21st, 1928, left £2,660

Mrs. Lucinda Jackson, late of Albany road, Rathmines, County Dublin, who died November 28th, 1928, left £1,593

Probate has been granted to Mr. Thomas Jackson and the Rev. Joseph Jackson, her sons, executors.

Mr. Alexander Thunder, late of Cromwell Hotel, South Kensington, London, and formerly of the Hibernian Bank House, Naas, bank manager, who died August 18th, 1927, left £5,057

Mr. Archibald Montgomery Toomey, late of "The Moats," Oldcastle, County Meath, who died October 18th, 1928, left £2,214

Probate has been granted to his widow and nephew, Mr. William Toomey.

Mr. George Handy, late of Sandycove road, Kingstown, builder and contractor, who died December 21st, 1928, left £1,387

Mrs. Anne Broughton King, late of Morehampton road, Dublin, who died August 15th, 1928, left £2,444

Probate has been granted to her niece, Miss E. M. Mills, sole executrix.

Mr. Robert Henry Elmes, late of Kenilworth square, Rathgar, County Dublin, who died December 20th, 1928, left £1,869

Mrs. Mary Clare Booney, late of Mount-temple, Kells, County Meath, who died October 26th, 1926, left £1,802

Probate has been granted to her son, the Rev. Gerald Cooney, Kilbeggan, the executor.

A HELP IN INFLUENZA.

Precautions against the threatened spread of influenza are being taken by many, and it is claimed that hot Oxo not only promotes warmth and vitality, but is a valuable safeguard against illness at any time.

BROADCASTING.

TO-DAY.

DUBLIN (2RN)—411 Metres.

1.30-2.0—Weather Forecast and Gramaphone Concert. 6.0—Gramaphone Record Recital. 6.15—Uair i dTír na n-óg—Padraig O Cleire, May Doyle, Ann Penhallow. 7.0—Household Talk, Josephine Redington. 7.10—Talk, "Women's Ways and Means—III.," Mrs. Mary Kettle. 7.30—Gaedhilg, Micheal O Maolain as Arainn. 7.45—German, O. von Wenckstern. 8.0—No. 1 Army Band (Conductor, Colonel Fritz Brase): Overture, "The Flying Dutchman" (Wagner); Symphonic Poem, "Ultava" (Smetana); Irish Rhapsodie in D minor (Stanford); Selection, "The Tales of Hoffmann" (Offenbach). 9.0—Elizabeth Young and Company—"In the Forests of the Night" (a play in One Act) (J. Pollock): Architald Trevor (a dramatist), Norman Reddin; Tom Mainwaring (his friend), Robert Willis; L'Anguille, Eric Hope; Policeman, Jack Mathews; The Woman, Elizabeth Young; Scene—Hyde Park at midnight. 9.30—Gerard Crofts (tenor), "Ballads for Benedicts": "The Maid of the Sweet Brown Knowe" (arr. Jos. Crofts); "Dumb, Dumb, Dumb" (do.) (unpublished); "Thank You, Ma'am, Says Dan" (do.); "The Women are Worse than the Men" (arr. Hardebeck). 9.40—Station Orchestra: Selection, "Virginia," musical comedy. 9.50—Joan Burke (contralto) and Kitty Fagan (soprano): Duet, "Bird Songs at Eventide" (E. Coates); Solos, "Fountain Court" (M. Herbert), "Contentment" (do.), "Violets" (do.), "Ochance" (M. Fox); Duets, "Passing By" (Purcell), "Flower Duet" ("Madame Butterfly") (Puccini); Solos, "Across the Bridge of Dreams" (Manahan), "The Piper of Love" (M. Carew); Duet, "Homing" (Del Riego). 10.20—Station Orchestra: "Madame Favart" (Offenbach). 10.30—Weather Forecast and close down.

BELFAST (2BE)—302.7 Metres (991 Kc.).

12.0-1.0—Gramaphone Records. 2.30—London. 3.45—Orchestra: Suite in G (Bach, arr. Goossens); Five Symphonic Fragments, "La Cimarosiana" (Cimarosa, arr. Malipiero); Romance, "In Early Spring" (W. J. Fenney); Four Old Flemish Folk Songs (De Greef). 4.30—Harry McWhirter (baritone): "Fionn's Keening for his Grandson Oscar" (arr. Kennedy-Fraser); "Maiden of Morven" (arr. M. Lawson), "If there were dreams to sell" (Ireland), "The Laird o' Cockpen" (arr. Parry). 4.42—Orchestra: Ballet, "La Boutique Fantasque" (Rossini-Respighi, arr. H. Carr); Characteristic Piece, "The Old Spinet" (Hoby). 5.0—A Song Recital by Cecil Simms (baritone): "Mohacs Field" (Korbay), "The Gentle Maiden" (arr. Somervell), "Port of many ships" (Keel), "Now sleeps the crimson petal" (Quilter), "As ever I saw" (Peter Warlock). 5.15—The Children's Hour. 6.0—Organ Recital by Charles Howlett, relayed from the Classic Cinema. 6.15—London. 9.35—Carl Hardebeck: A Programme of his Music: Ernest A. A. Stoneley and Carl Hardebeck: Sonata (1st Prize Feis Ceoil, Dublin, 1901). 9.52—Orchestra: Idyll, "On the Lough." 10.0—Edward McCrisken (baritone): "Savourneen Deelish" "The Cork Leg" and "Cait Ni Dhuibhir" (arr. Hardebeck). 10.10—Orchestra: Variations on the Cradle Song, "Shoe-een-shoe." 10.20—Edward McCrisken: "Invitation to the Gleus" (Hardebeck), "Glendalough" and "Casadh an Tsugan" (arr. Hardebeck). 10.30—Orchestra: "March of the Gaels." 10.35-11.0—Dance Music: Larry Brennan and his Piccadilly Revellers, relayed from the Plaza.

LONDON (2LO)—358 Metres (838 Kc.), **and DAVENTRY (5XX)—1,562.5 Metres** (192 Kc.).

10.15 a.m.—The Daily Service. 10.30—Time Signal, Greenwich; Weather Forecast. 10.45—"A Woman's Commentary," by Mrs. Oliver Strachey. 11.0—Gramaphone Records: Sonata in C Minor for Violin and Pianoforte (Grieg). 12.0—A Ballad Concert. 12.30—Gramaphone Records. 1.0-2.0—Frascati's Orchestra. 2.30—Broadcast to Schools. 3.30—Mrs. M. Priestley: "Reading for Busy Women—I. Introduction." 3.45—A Light Classical Concert. 4.45—Organ Recital, from Madame Tussaud's Cinema. 5.15—The Children's Hour. 6.0—Gramaphone Records. 6.15—Time Signal, Greenwich; Weather Forecast. 6.30—The Week's Work in the Garden, by the Royal Horticultural Society. 6.45—The Foundations of Music: String Trios by Beethoven. 7.0—Mr. H. V. Morton: "Advertising Britain." 7.25—Professor V. Mottram: "Diet—Its Principles and Practice." 7.45—Vaudeville. 9.0—Weather Forecast. 9.15—"The Future of the Cinema—I.: Mr. Sidney Bernstein. 9.35—A Pianoforte Recital, by Ella Ney. 10.0—"The Last Voyage," a Play, by Pauline Smith. 11.0-12.0—Dance Music.

DAVENTRY EXPERIMENTAL (5GB)—482.3 Metres (622 Kc.).

3.0—A Band Concert. 4.30—Jack Payne and the B.B.C. Dance Orchestra, Ernest Melvin (Light Ballads). 5.30—The Children's Hour. 6.15—Time Signal, Greenwich; Weather Forecast. 6.30—Light Music. 8.0—Organ Recital by Leonard H. Warner. 8.30—A Symphony Concert. 10.0—Weather Forecast. 10.15-11.15—Dance Music.

TO-MORROW

BELFAST (2BE)—302.7 Metres (991 Kc.).

2.30—London Programme. 4.0—Orchestra: Overture, "Djamileh" (Bizet); Mazurka (Liszt, arr. Müller-Berghaus); Rigaudon (Rameau, arr. Noren). 4.28—A. V. Froggatt (baritone): "Beauty is but a Painted Hell," "Whither runneth my sweetheart" (arr. Keel); "A Song of London" (Cyril Scott); "Yarmouth Fair" (arr. Peter Warlock). 4.40—Orchestra: "Swedish Rhapsody" (Bendl); Canzonetta, Op. 62a (Sibelius); March, "Take Courage" (Blon). 5.0—An Oboe Recital by David John: Sonata in C Minor (Handel); "A la Campagne" (in the country) (Hamilton Harty). 5.15—The Children's Hour. 6.0—London. 7.35—A Military Band Concert. The Station Military Band: "Imperial March" (Elgar); Overture, "Plymouth Hoe" (Ansell); "Slavonic Rhapsody" (Friedemann). 7.59—Frederick Taylor (baritone): "Land of Mine" (Monk Gould); "A Soft Day" (Stanford); "Son of Mine" (William Wallace); "To-morrow" (Keel). 8.9—Band: "Hungarian Rhapsody," No. 1 (Liszt). 8.21—Frederick Taylor: "Mother Carey" (as related by the Bosun), "Trade Winds" (Keel); "The Little Admiral" (Stanford). 8.31—Band: Selection, "Yeomen of the Guard" (Sullivan). 8.41—Frederick Taylor: "And yet I love her" (Parry); "The Fiddler of Dooney" (Dunhill); "Out of the Night" (Lidgey). 8.51—Mark Hemingway (cornet) and Band: "Ships that Pass in the Night" (Stephenson); "The Lost Chord" (Sullivan). 9.2—Band: Ballet Music, "Faust" (Gounod); Suite, "Four Indian Love Lyrics" (A. Woodforde-Finden); Selection, "Merrie England" (German). 9.40-12.0—London.

LONDON (2LO)—358 Metres (838 Kc.) **and DAVENTRY (5XX)—1,562.5 Metres** (192 Kc.).

10.15 a.m.—The Daily Service. 10.30—Time Signal (Greenwich), Weather Forecast. 10.45—"Our Boys and Girls": Dr. Mabel Brodie—"The ex-Baby—II." 11.0—Gramaphone Records: Symphony No. 7 (Beethoven). 12.0—A Concert. 1.0-2.0—A Recital of Gramaphone Records by Christopher Stone. 2.30—Broadcast to Schools. 3.0—Evensong, from Westminster Abbey. 3.45—Letters from Overseas: Miss Ross Hume. 4.0—A Concert. 5.15—The Children's Hour. 6.15—Time Signal (Greenwich), Weather Forecast. 6.45—The Foundations of Music: String Trios by Beethoven. 7.0—Mrs. M. A. Hamilton: "New Novels." 7.15—Professor H. G. Dalway Turnbull: "India—I., The Country and its Inhabitants." 7.40—Halle Concert, from the Free Trade Hall, Manchester: Symphony No. 6, in F ("Pastoral") (Beethoven); "Death and Transfiguration," "Don Juan," "Till Eulenspiegel" (Richard Strauss). 9.40—Weather Forecast. 10.0—Mr. Vernon Bartlett: "The Way of the World." 10.15—Surprise item. 10.30-12.0—Dance Music.

DAVENTRY EXPERIMENTAL (5GB)—482.3 Metres (622 Kc.).

3.0—Symphony Concert (relayed from the Winter Gardens, Bournemouth). 4.30—Organ Recital. 5.30—The Children's Hour. 6.15—Time Signal (Greenwich), Weather Forecast. 6.30—The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra. Monica Stracey (character sketches). 8.0—"Cabaradio," a Post-Prandial Pot-Pourri by Charles Brewer. 9.0—Weather Forecast. 9.15—A Military Band Concert. 10.45-11.0—Poetry Reading.

RICHMOND HOSPITAL.

SUCCESSFUL STAFF DANCE.

The annual staff dance at the Richmond, Whitworth and Hardwicke Hospitals, Dublin, last night, was one of the best functions of its kind ever held in those hospitals. There was an attendance of four hundred people, and a most enjoyable night was spent by all. No trouble was spared by the staff in the arrangements for the dance, and particular credit is due to the Matron, Miss Hezlett, and to the Secretary to the hospitals, Captain McDermott.

The catering, under the supervision of Sisters Deery, Anderson and McMahon, was excellent, and the decoration of the ward in which the dancing took place was due to the efforts of Sister Rooney and Mr. C. Anderson, assistant engineer. Miss Billie Weiner's band supplied the music.

Among those present were:—Sir Thomas and Lady Myles, Dr. and Mrs. Matson, Dr. and Mrs. G. Nesbitt, Miss S. Nesbitt, Dr. and Miss Purser, Dr. Slattery, Dr. M. Burke, Dr. J. J. Bourke, Killiney; Miss Sidney Callow, Dr. Spain, Dr. A. Boyd, Miss Magee, Dr. H. Rutherford, Dr. Dunne, Dr. and Mrs. Clery, Mr. and Miss Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Curran, Dr. Farrell, Dr. Walsh, Lieutenant Quigley, Dr. O'Donoghue, Dr. Quigley, Dr. Fair, Mr. T. J. Bradley, Commandant and Mrs. Comerford, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. G. Harrison, Dr. Drummond, Mr. C. E. Digges, Dr. J. O'Connor, Dr. Joyce, Dr. and Mrs. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, Dr. Egan, Mr. M. J. Connolly, Dr. Harris, House Physician; Dr. Ryan, Captain and Mrs. McDermott, Mr. McDonagh, Mr. T. Greene and Miss Greene, Miss O'Dowd, Dr. McCluskey, Mr. C. Clarke, Bray, and Mr. D. Curran; Dr. Fitzsimons, Miss Haine, Assistant Matron; Miss Reddy, Mr. F. Walsh, Mr. J. O'Reilly, Miss Morton, Miss Burkitt, Miss Reddin, and Mr. R. Bruen, Mr. Daw, Mr. Ruttledge, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Bradshaw, and Miss Dooley.

FOLKLORE OF IRELAND SOCIETY.

The annual general meeting of the Folklore of Ireland Society will be held at 86 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, on Friday next at 8 o'clock. Since the society was established about two years ago it has rapidly grown in membership, and a considerable advance has been made in the collection and publication of folk-matter. A speeding-up in this direction is, however, desirable, owing to the rapidity with which so much that is traditional is perishing day by day. The meeting will determine how this can best be done.

Doctor W. M. Childs, M.A., first Vice-Chancellor of Reading University, has tendered his resignation. He intends to devote his time to historical studies.

"CHRISTIES"

(CHRISTIE, MANSON, & WOODS) respectfully give notice that they will hold the following SALES BY AUCTION at their Great Rooms, 8 King street, St. James's Square, London, S.W.1, commencing each day at one o'clock precisely.

TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), JANUARY 23.
OLD ENGLISH AND IRISH SILVER, from various sources, including a Commonwealth Silver gilt Porringer, a Pair of Queen Anne Candlesticks; Georgian Salvers, Tea and Coffee Pots, Saltcellars, Tankards, etc.; and old Irish Cups, Salvers, Saltcellars, Sugar Baskets, and other Domestic Plate, chiefly of the 18th Century.

TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), JANUARY 24.
DECORATIVE FURNITURE AND OBJECTS OF ART, the property of LADY GRANT, and removed from 61 Lowndes Square, S.W.; Old English and other Furniture, the property of a Lady and from various sources; and Chinese Porcelain and Cloisonne Enamels, the property of JOHN BREARLEY, Esq., deceased, late of Riversdale, Fielden Park, West Didsbury.
On View.

ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 25.
ANCIENT AND MODERN PICTURES and DRAWINGS, the property of the late SIR WILLIAM INGRAM, Bart. (sold by order of the Executors); also Old Pictures, from various sources, including works by or attributed to:—H. W. Pickersgill, R.A.; H. Edridge, A.R.A.
R. B. Davis, G. Morland,
Marc Gheeraedts N. Pocock,
G. Kaapton, J. Ramsay,
J. M. Molenaer, T. M. Richardson.
F. de Momper.
On View.

ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 29.
CHINESE CARVINGS IN HARDSTONE AND ORIENTAL OBJECTS OF ART, from various sources, including numerous vases, groups and figures carved in jade, rock-crystal, chalcedony, agate, lapis lazuli, Malachite, coral, rose quartz, and other stones; also Chinese lacquer boxes, cabinets, tables and screens.
May be viewed FRIDAY and MONDAY preceding.

ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30.
OLD ENGLISH SILVER PLATE, from various sources, including a Charles II. Tankard, a James II. Porringer, a pair of William III. Candlesticks, a Queen Anne Coffee Pot, Irish Cups, Georgian Waiters, Inkstands, Bread-baskets, Candlesticks, etc.; also English and Foreign Silver, the property of G. MELLIN, ESQ., deceased, late of Wickham Hall, West Wickham, Kent, including large centrepieces, dessert stands, candelabra, etc.
May be viewed TWO DAYS preceding.

ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 31.
OLD ENGLISH FURNITURE, from various sources, including Chippendale, Sheraton and other 18th Century Furniture, Queen Anne walnut wood and Jacobean oak; also decorative Furniture, the property of MRS. G. HAROLD GIBBS; and Porcelain and decorative Furniture, the property of C. P. GIBSON, ESQ., of Bandra, Cromer.
May be viewed TWO DAYS preceding.

ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1.
OLD PICTURES, from various sources; also a few old Pictures, the property of the REV. J. F. MacNAB, sold owing to his having disposed of his residence Arthurstone, Binfield; the property of MRS. LUSHINGTON, who has given up her residence at Mahurangi Heads, New Zealand; including works by or attributed to:—Sir W. Beechey, R.A.; T. S. Cooper, R.A.; F. Cotes, R.A.; T. Gainsborough, R.A.; D. Serres, R.A.
C. Decker. H. Rigaud.
J. Van Goyen. Jacob van Ruisdael.
J. Griffier. Salomon van Ruisdael.
A. Magnasco. J. N. Sartorius.
P. Mommy. G. D. Tiepolo.
Allan Ramsay. Jan Weenix.
May be viewed THREE DAYS preceding.

ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5.
PORCELAIN, OBJECTS OF ART AND DECORATIVE FURNITURE from various sources, including Old English, Continental and Oriental Porcelain, Jacobean and other Embroideries, Old English and other Furniture, Persian and other Eastern Rugs.
May be viewed on the FRIDAY and MONDAY preceding.

ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6.
OLD ENGLISH SILVER PLATE AND OBJECTS OF VERTU, Sold by order of the Trustees of the RT. HON. THE EARL OF MAYO K.P., P.C., deceased, including Georgian Dinner and Soup Plates, Queen Anne Casters, Georgian Salvers, Cups, Tea and Coffee Pots, Old Sheffield Plated Articles, Old English and French Miniatures, Snuff Boxes, etc.; also Old English Silver from various sources, including Charles II. and William and Mary Tankards, Georgian Salvers, Candlesticks, etc.; a Henry VIII. Maidenhead Spoon, and a few other early English Spoons.
May be viewed TWO DAYS preceding.

ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7.
DECORATIVE FURNITURE from various sources, including Chippendale, Sheraton, and other 18th Century Furniture, Queen Anne Walnutwood, Tudor and Jacobean Oak, a few pieces of Porcelain, Persian and other Eastern Rugs and Carpets.
May be viewed TWO DAYS preceding.

ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8.
OLD PICTURES, the property of R. W. PETTIGREW, ESQ., deceased, late of 30 Victoria road, Penarth, Glam. (Sold by order of the Executrices); the property of HENRY M. BEAUFOY, ESQ.; the property of the late J. B. SUTHERLAND, ESQ. (sold by order of the Trustees); and from other sources, including works by, or attributed to:—Sir William Beechey, R.A.; J. Hoppner, R.A.; P. J. de Loutherbourg, R.A.; Sir Henry Raeburn, R.A.; J. Downman, A.R.A.
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"CHRISTIES"

BICYCLE FOUND IN THE SEA.

OWNER STATED TO BE MISSING.

Fresh light has been thrown on the finding of the new bicycle in Dundalk Harbour last week by the announcement that it has been identified as being the property of Joseph Cunningham, aged 26, a young married man, who resided with his wife at Castlering, near Dundalk, and who has been missing for more than a week.

Cunningham often stopped with his parents at Dundalk, the house being several miles nearer to his work than his own house. He was last seen alive on Saturday week, when he left his employment with a builder at Bellurgan, and took his bicycle with him to cycle to Dundalk. He is presumed to have taken the "short cut" along the Greenore railway line.

His non-appearance did not excite suspicion. His wife believed that he was stopping with his parents, and the parents were under the impression that he was at home with his wife.

Inquiries are being made for the man, but no trace of him has yet been found.

SOLICITORS' APPRENTICES' DEBATING SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Solicitors' Apprentices' Debating Society was held last Monday evening in the Council Room of the Incorporated Law Society, 45 Kildare street, Dublin. Mr. Art O'Connor, B.L., B.A.I., LL.B., presided.

The subject for discussion was: "That this House disapproves of the extension of foreign enterprise in the Irish Free State," and the debate resulted in a keen contest, which was concluded by the Chairman giving his casting vote in favour of the motion.

Speakers:—For the motion — Messrs. Sullivan, H. Good, B.A., LL.B. (Auditor), T. Clarke, M. J. Maguire, H. Cosgrove, Dunphy, P. F. Molony, E. A. Plunkett, E. O'Reilly, P. J. Gallagher and C. Buckley. Against the motion—Messrs. M. F. Coughlan, H. England, B. O'Brolchain (Record Secretary), M. V. Harrington (Treasurer), D. J. O'Connor, D. O'Shea, O'Donnell, J. G. Regan, E. L. Boland, B.A.; F. Kelly, Smith, Keegan, Baily and J. J. Walsh.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Mr. H. England, seconded by Mr. J. Sullivan, and passed with acclamation.

SWEDISH ENGINEER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

A verdict of "Death due to heart failure" was returned at an inquest which was held at Listowel on the body of Lars Larson, a Swedish engineer.

Mr. John Moran, Listowel, with whom the deceased man stayed, knocked at the door of the bedroom about 11 o'clock last Monday morning, and, on getting no reply, broke it open and found the deceased man lying on the floor, fully dressed.

DISPELLING THE GLAMOUR OF DUBLIN.

"MOST SLIPSHOD AND UNTIDY CAPITAL IN EUROPE."

ARCHITECT'S PLEA FOR CIVICS AND TOWN PLANNING.

Some severe blows were dealt to Dublin civic pride last night by Mr. Manning Robertson, A.R.I.B.A., M.R.I.A.I., in the course of a paper read to the Architectural Association of Ireland.

Mr. Robertson was dealing with town-planning in Ireland. "It is as important for the Government to instil civic culture as any other branches of culture," he declared, "since architecture and civics are characteristics that are more immediately visible and obvious to the stranger than any other."

Other opinions expressed by Mr Robertson were:—

"London is four hundred times more efficient than Dublin."

"That pestilent habit of spitting that has been abolished in London still persists in our public vehicles, and it is high time that fines were enforced."

"Ours is still the most slip-shod and untidy capital in Europe."

"We may not steal, nor utter libels, nor refuse to pay rates. Why, therefore, should a man be free to injure the natural amenities of his neighbour?"

The meeting unanimously adopted a resolution calling for legislation to promote comprehensive town and regional planning.

THE CITIES OF THE FUTURE.

PRESERVING NATURAL BEAUTIES

Major F. B. Craig presided at the meeting which was held in the rooms of the Association, 8 Merrion square, Dublin.

We find ourselves terribly behind other countries, said Mr. Robertson, both in the organisation of town-planning, and in its other aspect in the preservation of natural beauty, and nothing but an awakened public conscience can help us. It is essential, in the first place, that the public should realise exactly what a town or regional planning scheme is.

The public is apt to regard town-planning as a fad or an attempt to introduce "artiness," and in combating this notion we must ourselves be clear as to the practical nature of what we wish to do.

WHAT A TOWN PLAN IS.

Let us define a town plan as being a map showing a city as it ought to be in, say, fifteen years time. The putting of a town-planning scheme into operation merely consists in seeing that nothing is done to hamper the accomplishment of the practical ideal set out in the map; every step is made a step forward in the direction of common-sense, efficiency and dignity.

If we have any freedom at all it should surely be the freedom to enjoy natural amenities, and the man who injures the countryside and defiles it with ugly buildings, smoke, or advertisements, is taking away our free enjoyment. I lay stress upon this point because we often hear that the restrictions imposed by organised planning reduce the freedom of the subject, whereas in reality they are designed for the very purpose of safeguarding it.

COMMON-SENSE.

In stressing the practical, common-sense aims of town-planning we are therefore entitled to call for control of amenities as well as for those measures that are purely material.

Our houses must enjoy a full measure of sun, light, air, and adequate services; our factories must be so placed that their noise and smell will not be obnoxious to a residential neighbourhood.

ORDER AND SEEMLINESS.

This movement towards preserving order and seemliness is world-wide, and I am not concerned here with speculations as to what our Government proposes to do so much as with what ought to be done, and I would remind you that the questions involved cover a vast field, the following being only a selection from the major problems concerned:

1. The efficient organisation of transport—road, rail, and canal—including an economic co-operation between them throughout the country.
2. The internal organisation of each area, such as reserving sites for heavy factories, light factories, housing, fixing building lines, and preserving the amenities of buildings.
3. The provision of adequate open spaces, parks, play-grounds, and gardens.
4. The safeguarding of places of exceptional beauty as national treasures, such as Killarney, Glendalough, Cork Harbour, and the Dalkey-Killiney coast.
5. The reduction of the smoke plague and noise in the streets.
6. The control of advertisements.

AN AID TO CULTURE.

There exists in this country a powerful movement towards a definitely national culture, in the forefront of which we find the Gaelic movement. It is not necessary to stress the influence of this driving force on Irish thought, literature, and drama; but let us mark this fact: that in the whole of history no country has ever yet produced a powerful and self-reliant culture without the aid of architecture and all that it stands for.

Consider the great period of Greece—the days of Plato, Aristotle, Aeschylus, Sophocles, Pericles. Is not this culture quite as powerfully visible in its buildings and their disposition as it is in the Greek language itself? Or take ancient Egypt, the splendour of Rome, the religious fervour of the Middle Ages.

In all these did not architecture, in its widest sense, stand side by side with literature, painting, and music? Patriotic enthusiasm, Gaelic idealism, material success, will not, and cannot, provide us with the complete circle of culture without the aid of architecture, its allied arts and crafts, and its wide embracing spirit that we now call town planning and civics.

I would urge that it is as important for the Government to instil civic culture as any of the other branches of culture that we have been considering. Possibly it is of even greater importance, since architecture and civics are characteristics that are more immediately visible and obvious to the stranger than any other; hence the rapid progress that is being made on the Continent.

THE "SIGHTS" OF DUBLIN.

One of the arguments that one has heard urged against the adoption of town-planning measures here is that they are not necessary. Let these people walk along the Rathmines road; see it as what it is, and picture it as it might be—as, in fact, it would have been had it been built one hundred years ago. Let them face the boardings on the Rotunda and on the Pembroke side of Baggot street Bridge. Let them observe the ribbon development—uneconomic and ugly—spreading its tentacles around Dublin exactly after the fashion that England so much deplores.

Dealing, as we are, with æsthetics and efficiency, which go together and are here two aspects of the same thing, is it not clear that legislation is urgently necessary? Even were it not immediately necessary, is it always requisite to wait until the horse has escaped before we shut the stable door? What is there to prevent the Government from passing a comprehensive Town-planning Act—a well thought-out and considered measure that shall in itself co-ordinate all the best of the advance that has been to date elsewhere? Such a measure would stand outside politics, and would, one imagines, command the sympathy of every progressive mind in every political party.

SHANNON SCHEME DANGERS.

Then we come to our Shannon scheme at Limerick. Are we going to allow that great area of potential industrialism to turn into a messed-up hotch-potch? Experience elsewhere indicates that factories spring up at the source of power, electric transmission losses being much heavier than people imagine. What are we going to do to help and guide future industries, for their benefit and the benefit of the area?

Can we, even now, with all the improvements that our Commissioners have introduced, be really proud of Dublin order and tidiness? Take the litter of old tramway tickets. The company provides baskets in some trams and not in others, hence nobody bothers to keep his ticket on the off-chance that the particular tram he is on may be provided with a basket. If the company can provide baskets on some trams, why not on all? The 'bus companies are just as bad.

Consider also the tramway companies' power-house chimneys. The Lot's road chimneys in London produce, I suppose, over twenty times the current, and less than one-twentieth of the smoke. In other words, London is 400 times more efficient than Dublin. Is this foul eruption of smoke due to an out-of-date plant, or, as seems more probable, to bad stoking?

MORE DUBLIN DRAWBACKS.

Neither is our canal company any better. It seems to like hideous advertisement hoardings, some of which are dangerous in obscuring the view to the extent of necessitating a special policeman on point duty. Nothing is done to protect old trees nor to plant new ones along the canal banks. Goats are tethered to the trees, and these goats, of course, injure and kill the trees by eating the bark.

That pestilent habit of spitting that has been abolished in London still persists in our public vehicles, and it is high time that fines were enforced.

Town-planning and civics are so closely interwoven that it is impossible to comb the one out from the other, but neither our services nor our public are pulling their weight. Ours is still the most slipshod and untidy capital in Western Europe. This is not due to poverty, but merely to apathy and disregard of ordinary civilised decency, as in the case of spitting.

Let us not allow the authorities to believe that in giving us a Greater Dublin they have directly attacked town-planning. To begin with, our Town-Planning Act must cover every corner of the Free State, and even, in so far as Dublin is concerned, the town-planning virtues of this will depend upon the degree of control that is exercised.

CO-OPERATIVE VISION.

A more satisfactory state of affairs can exist in a region where ten local authorities with vision act in concert than in a larger region ruled by one authority with less vision. We want our Greater Dublin, but only as a step towards the more easy realisation of town-planning ideals in the Dublin area.

Town-planning, in its full significance, means no more than the granting of powers by the Government to local authorities under which the latter can frame their own regulations appropriate to their individual needs, so that each can make its own map of the future (when necessary in consultation with their neighbours), and compel the inhabitants to conform to a rational and well-ordered scheme. Only in this way can efficiency, convenience and dignity be retained and assured.

In conclusion, Mr. Robertson expressed the hope that the legislators would see the immediate need for a far-reaching and comprehensive Town-Planning Act for the Irish Free State.

THE PEOPLE'S APATHY.

Mr. J. J. Robinson, in proposing a vote of thanks to the lecturer, said that it seemed to him to be possible to use the existing machinery adapted to modern usage for town-planning. The Irish people were apathetic, and in the matter of town-planning public opinion was not behind it. On the matter of the disfigurement of the countryside, he did not agree. It was to his eyes pretty well the same as God had made it. It would be very desirable to have legislation to control town-planning, but its introduction should be done carefully or else it should defeat its purpose.

Mr. G. F. Beckett, in seconding the motion, said that a very strong expression of opinion should go from the meeting as to the necessity of town-planning legislation. The apathy, he believed, arose from lack of self-respect, but that would come with educational improvements. Architects were, he believed, the hope of the future, and, as they had a tremendous responsibility, they should study the question of town-planning closely, and be ready to advise when called on.

Mr. T. J. Byrne, F.R.I.A.I., said that to confine town-planning to the cities of Ireland would be fatal. It would be better to omit the cities and carry out town-planning or regional planning where there were no cities.

Mr. H. J. Leask said that something should be done to induce educational authorities to teach children to appreciate things beautiful. He regretted that there was no architectural taste in Ireland.

ALL FOR LEGISLATION.

The Chairman said that until the architect spread himself out more little headway would be made in public appreciation. The responsibility of the architect was beginning to be realised and his opinion respected. Ireland did not suffer from a lack of town-planning, and he would say it was far ahead of other countries. The population was not very thick, and there was still time to get much good work done.

The vote of thanks was passed unanimously.

The following resolution was afterwards passed, on the motion of Mr. Beckett seconded by Mr. H. Webb: "That, in the opinion of this meeting, it is essential to the welfare of the country that legislation should be introduced forthwith to promote comprehensive town and regional planning."

MACHINERY FOR THE SHANNON.

BIG CONSIGNMENT FROM GERMANY.

A further consignment of heavy machinery for the Shannon power scheme has arrived at Limerick Docks by the ss. Ambria from Germany. It includes parts of a large turbine, and the fly-wheel, which weighs over thirty tons, had to be hauled out to Ardnacrusha on a specially-built waggon.

Work on the scheme, which had been affected to some extent by the recent heavy rains, is now in full swing. Considerable progress has been made in the various sections, including the assembling of turbines which are to generate current for the whole of the Free State.

COST OF ROADS.

BALROTHERY'S REDUCED ESTIMATE.

Balrothery Rural District Council, at its meeting yesterday, adopted a road repair estimate for 1929-30 of £11,759, as against £14,069 last year, or a reduction of £2,310. The County Surveyor's estimate was £24,195 10s.

The Chairman (Mr. T. L. Smyth, Co.C.), urging the Council to reduce the road estimate to about £12,000, said that there would be extra charges on the rates this year, including the revaluation of the railways, which would mean 2d. in the £ extra on the county rates, said that economy would have to be practised somewhere, and the only place where that could be done was on the roads.

He proposed that they reduce the amount allocated last year—viz., £14,069—by at least £2,000, and this was passed by ten votes to two.

A further proposal by the Chairman to send a resolution to the County Council asking them to reduce the roadmen's wages of 45s. by 10s. a week, was lost by six votes to five.

When the ss. Marigol, a Greek vessel, put into Swansea yesterday from Leghorn *en route* for the Argentine, two stowaways were handed over to the police to await a vessel bound for an Italian port.

A BURNED MANSION.

THREE PERSONS SENT FOR TRIAL.

At the Tuam District Court the charge of having set fire to Barbersfort Mansion, and of having conspired to set it on fire was preferred against Patrick Dunleavy, ex-Captain of the National Army, his sister, Mrs. Kate Hughes, and her husband, John Hughes.

Mrs. Ellen Burke, a neighbour of the Dunleavys, said that one night early in January, 1926, Kate Dunleavy (one, of the accused) visited her, and they had a conversation, in the course of which she said that Pat, her brother, had decided to burn Barberstown House, and that she and John Hughes were going to carry it out; that they had already made an attempt to do so, but that it had failed as they had not enough petrol. Miss Dunleavy said that it was to be kept as a dead secret. The witness told her husband after Kate Dunleavy had left.

In cross-examination the witness said that the Dunleavys used to be in and out of her house, and they discussed all the trouble that Dunleavy and Hughes were getting with Barbersfort. There was an attempt made to burn the house in 1926, but Kate Dunleavy did not tell the witness that it was they that had made it, or had knocked the walls or spiked the lands or had driven the cattle.

Evidence was given that there had been agrarian trouble up to the 1st November, 1927, when the Land Commission took over the estate and divided it amongst the tenants. Under a temporary convenience letting Pat Dunleavy was put in as occupier of the house, and portion of the lands.

Sergeant Travers said that he found foot-tracks on the morning after the fire in the vicinity—foot-tracks made by rubber soled boots. Hughes admitted that these were his tracks made some days previous to the burning.

The accused were returned for trial to the Galway Circuit Court, and allowed bail in two securities of £1,000 each.

STRIKE IN KILKENNY.

WAGES ON A BUILDING SCHEME.

A strike occurred yesterday morning of the labourers engaged by Messrs. Dillon, building contractors, Limerick, at the clearing of the sites for the Kilkenny Corporation housing scheme, which comprises thirty houses. The question at issue is one of wages.

It has become a recognised rule by trades unionists that the standard wage for labourers in Kilkenny, particularly for builders' labourers, is that paid by the Corporation to their labourers—namely, £2 2s. per week. For some time past a small number of men, who, it is stated, were not members of a trades' union, were employed by the contractors, Messrs. Dillon, at the rate of 35s. for a 50-hour week.

When more men were about to be employed yesterday at the same rate the secretary of the local branch of the Irish Transport Union had a consultation with them, with the result that they refused to work at the wage offered. The other men already employed on the job also left their work. Efforts at a settlement were carried on during the day, but so far the negotiations have proved unsuccessful.

The contractors offered an increase equivalent to half the difference between what they were paying and 42s. per week. There is much unemployment in Kilkenny, and for whatever work is going there is virtually a small army of applicants from the ranks of the unemployed.

The laying of the high tensions underground cables in connection with the Shannon scheme is providing a considerable amount of very welcome employment in Kilkenny, the wages paid to the labourers being eleven pence an hour. A main drainage scheme which the Corporation have adopted, and which, it is expected, will shortly be proceeded with, is being eagerly looked forward to by the labourers of the city.

BELFAST SHIPYARD DISPUTE.

A SETTLEMENT REACHED.

About seventy members of the Amalgamated Engineering Union employed in the shipyard fitting department of Messrs. Harland and Wolff ceased work last week in consequence of a dispute over a question of demarcation between fitters and plumbers.

The matter has been the subject of negotiation, and at a meeting yesterday it was announced that the firm had made an adjustment, and work will be resumed to-day.

THE REVALUATION OF LIMERICK.

CORPORATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

A special Committee of the Limerick Corporation has issued a report on the question of the revaluation of the city, which it considered at numerous sittings recently, at some of which Mr. A. M. Fullerton, Secretary of the Valuation Department, Dublin, was present.

The number of ratings at present applicable to Limerick is given in the report as 7,300, and the valuation, £83,212, has increased by £8,000 since 1913.

The proposers of revaluation maintain that it would mean reduced taxation. Before revaluation in Waterford the valuation was £50,000, and it now stands at £75,000. As to the effect that a general revaluation would have on income tax, it was stated that the increase in Waterford took place principally on business houses, that income tax would be credited from Schedule A to Schedule D, and would not be payable where the increase did not reach, as in many cases, the taxable income on the present valuation.

A deputation of ratepayers who appeared before the Committee held that a mandate from the citizens should come before revaluation was undertaken, and the licensed trade were amongst those opposed to it.

Mr. Fullerton stated that the outstanding advantage of a general revaluation would be to place the burden of taxation equitably amongst the ratepayers. Against that it was held that there were very few cases of inequality of rating in Limerick.

A proposal was finally made in committee to recommend the Borough Council to take steps for a general revaluation.

An amendment in the shape of a direct negative was moved, when the voting was six for the amendment, five against, one not voting.

There not being a clear majority, the division was declared invalid.

The report will be considered at a special meeting of the whole House to-night.

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS.

LOUTH COMMITTEE'S VIEWS.

When the circular from the Select Committee of the Dail was read at the meeting of the Louth Agricultural Committee asking for the views of the members on the Local Appointments Act, Mr. J. F. Murphy said that he objected strongly to the appointment of Commissioners at all on the grounds that local councils were quite well able to make their own appointments.

Mrs. Markey suggested that for all appointments at salaries less than £150 a year the local bodies should make the appointments; that in the cases of doctors and the higher appointments the names of the candidates who had obtained highest marks should be submitted and the local boards be entitled to select one from a panel of three; that all appointments of nurses for local hospitals should be made by public bodies.

It was also agreed that for the appointments the candidates should not be asked to pay fees, and that when once they applied for a position of medical offices a panel should be made of their names and future appointments made from this panel.

Mr. Murphy said that it used be alleged that the old boards took bribes. The payment of these fees was nothing less than bribes. (Laughter.)

CASTLEREA AGRICULTURAL SHOW

At a representative meeting which was held in Castlerea yesterday, the O'Conor Don presiding, it was decided to hold an agricultural show in Castlerea this year.

The County of Roscommon Agricultural and Technical Committee has granted £120 prize money towards the project.

BANKERS AND FREE STATE.

SOME WELCOME SIGNS

THE INSTITUTE'S EXAMINATIONS.

The numbers of failures at the examinations held by the Institute of Bankers was a subject of comment at yesterday's meeting of the Institute in the Bank of Ireland, Dublin. It was regarded as a disquieting feature that failures were so numerous, and the President, Mr. A. T. Collins, director and manager of the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., pointed to the danger of bank officials overloading themselves in theory and breaking down in practice.

The Institute's report spoke of the signs of slow, but general, improvement in trade and agriculture, and stated that the most favourable economic feature was the fall of four million pounds in the adverse trade balance.

There was a large attendance at the meeting.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS.

A STEADY IMPROVEMENT.

Mr. Cecil H. H. Fennell (secretary) submitted the annual report, which stated that the year 1928 was marked by a steady and general improvement in the conditions prevailing in the country. There were several important events of a financial character. The successful flotation of the Free State's Second National Loan of £7,000,000 in the closing month of 1927 was perhaps the most satisfactory financial feature of the period which this review covers, and reflects favourably the country's financial and economic outlook. The establishment by the Government of the Agricultural Credit Corporation, Limited, for the purpose of granting long-term accommodation to the farming community, was completed, and the Corporation is carrying on the functions for which it was set up.

The newly-formed Currency Commission on September 10th made the first issue of legal tender notes provided for under the Currency Act of 1927. The issue of consolidated bank notes is expected early in 1929. The new and distinctive Free State token coinage was issued in the closing month of the year, and its artistic merit has been favourably commented upon. Consequent upon these new currency arrangements for the Free State, it became necessary for the British Government to reduce and reapportion the aggregate amount of the fiduciary bank note issues in Northern Ireland, and to restrict the circulation there of notes issued outside the United Kingdom. By the terms of the Act of Parliament by which the readjustment was made the total fiduciary note issues of the banks operating in Northern Ireland are limited to £1,634,000.

WELCOME SIGNS.

Whilst trade and agriculture in the country still suffer from a severe depression, there are, nevertheless, signs of a general but slow improvement. High taxation and high labour costs still operate to retard development both in agriculture and trade. Exports of live stock increased during the year, and the harvest was good generally, whilst the dairying industry is beginning to show an increased return, arising from proper organisation.

The most favourable economic feature was the fall of £4,000,000 in the adverse trade balance. An analysis of the means by which this reduction has been obtained goes to show that our financial and economic problems are being more carefully studied, and that the corrective and preventive measures applied are not only effective but also have a sound basis.

During the year, the report added, Mr. A. T. Collins was elected President, having been Hon. Secretary to the Institute from the date of its formation in 1898. Mr. H. P. Hill, joint-manager, Ulster Bank, College Green, was elected Hon. Secretary, and Mr. P. J. Stokes, manager, Munster and Leinster Bank, Dame street, Hon. Treasurer.

The membership in the past year increased by 349 members, bringing the total to 2,682.

The number of entrants for the examinations in 1928 was 1,157, but, as in former years, the percentage of successful candidates was regrettably low.

STABLE GOVERNMENT.

Mr. E. D. Hill, moving the adoption of the report, said that it contained evidence of steady progress on behalf of the Institute, and it was gratifying to know that that was so in the thirtieth year of their establishment. It was a matter of congratulation on the part of all bankers that a state of stable Government had been established. Referring to signs of improvement in the trade and agriculture of the country, he pointed to the increase in the export of cattle, which was very satisfactory for Southern Ireland. The freights, however, remained at an exorbitant increase on pre-war figures. Reference was also made in the report to the successful flotation of the National Loan and the establishment by the Government of the Agricultural Credit Corporation. These were outstanding facts of great importance. The first issue of the legal tender notes was an epoch-making occurrence, and he expressed gratification at the smooth working of the introduction through the medium of the banks. The issue of the consolidated notes was awaited with much interest and would be another important event for the Irish banks.

Speaking of the new coinage, he said that the coins had been subjected to criticisms, but, on the whole, it was generally admitted that they were most artistic and, no doubt, would prove very popular. In the course of reference to their President, he said that no man in Irish banking had done more for Irish banks than Mr. Collins, both in connection with the establishment of the Institute and in other important matters. (Applause.) Dealing with the sports competitions organised in the different banks he said that they had done much to engender a spirit of friendship and emulation among the younger members.

BANKING IN IRELAND.

Mr. S. D. Budd, chief executive officer, Provincial Bank of Ireland, seconding the motion, joined in the congratulations to the President, and hoped that he would be long spared amongst them. (Hear, hear.) They all had a right to be proud of the positon of banking in Ireland, and in his opinion banking was not better done in any other country. It had gained the entire confidence of the people of Ireland, because it was built up to help the commerce and agriculture of the country. It was suited to the needs of the country, and its position was higher now than ever before. (Hear, hear.)

Referring to the examinations held by the Institute, he said that the value of study, apart altogether from obtaining the certificates, was most important. Technical knowledge was necessary, but if they who were in the service of the banks did not extend to the customers that courtesy to which they had a right, their technical knowledge would not be much of an asset to the bank. (Applause.)

The motion was passed.

INSTITUTE EXAMINATIONS.

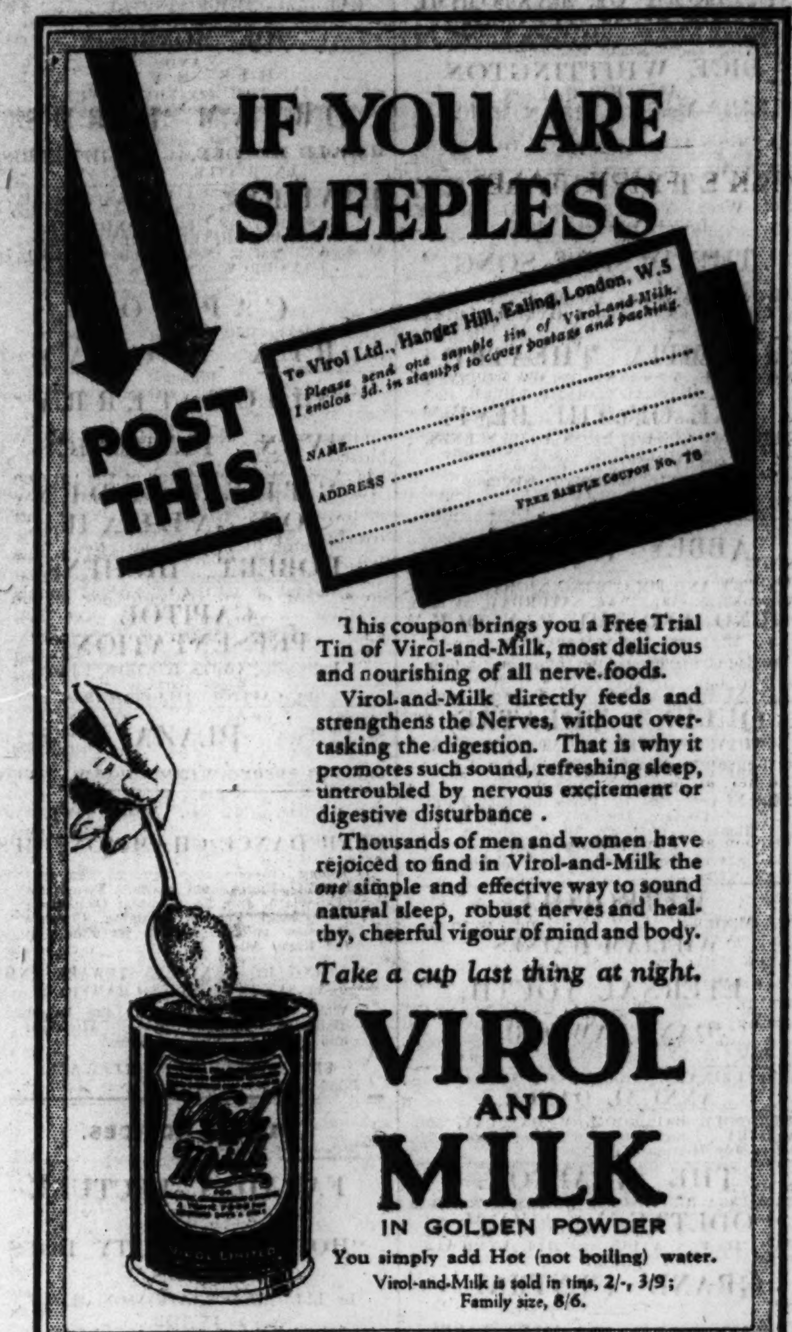
The President expressed his appreciation of the honour of being elected their President for the year. It was gratifying to know that the Institute had expanded, and that the various branches of its work continued to render valuable service to its members.

Referring to the Institute examinations, he said that the number of failures were somewhat disquieting, and it was evident from the report that steady and careful work was necessary. He pointed out the danger of bank officials overloading themselves with theory and breaking down in practice, and said that this was a thing to be guarded against. However, he might confidently say that those who had passed the examinations were the better for having done so. (Hear, hear.)

On the motion of Mr. Philip O'Connell, seconded by Mr. Newman Thompson, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman for having presided.

NO FREE LIBRARY FOR CLARE.

By twenty votes to nine the Clare County Council refused to adopt the Public Libraries Acts with the object of providing a Carnegie Library for Clare. A rate of one halfpenny would be necessary for the operation of the Acts, and the Council were of opinion that the time was inopportune for the striking of such a rate.



LOANS TO FISHERMEN.

MINISTRY AND STATE FUNDS

At the monthly meeting of the Clare Co. Council a letter was read from the Ministry of Fisheries with reference to a resolution of the Council regarding the supply of boats and gear to fishermen. This letter stated that "the Minister is not prepared to dispense with the condition that any loan granted from State funds to a fisherman to buy a boat or other requisite must be supported by adequate personal security. Such a condition is, in his view, necessary to protect the State from the risk of loss arising from such loans. This view is strongly confirmed by the experience of the Department in two loans for considerable sums granted to County Clare fishermen within the past few years, in which the borrowers have made very little effort to meet their obligations, and the Department has consequently been constrained to press the sureties to meet their demand."

Mr. Joe Healy said that the present condition of the industry was hopeless as compared with pre-war days, when fishermen could earn an average of £3 per week, and when £20 per ton was paid for periwinkles shipped to England and elsewhere. It was a pity that the Department did not encourage an industry with such possibilities. The Fishery Department had done nothing, as far as he could see, except make promises, and sue the unfortunate sureties who had tried to do a good turn for fishermen by assisting in getting boats and gear for them.

Mr. P. Hogan, T.D., said that, in his opinion, the Fishery Department was the greatest "dud" they had in national life.

Mr. Frank Barrett said that there was no use in discussing the matter, as it appeared to be hopeless at present to ask for anything for the fishermen.

THE EXPORT OF CATTLE.

SUGGESTED TRANSIT OFFICERS.

In a resolution from the Fermanagh Agricultural Committee, asking for the appointment of transit officers who would protect Irish cattle during rail and boat journeys and see that they reached their destination in good condition, which was read at the meeting of the Louth Agricultural Committee, North and South were asked to join in a work of great national importance.

Mr. Begley said that Louth had already moved in the matter, which was one that affected every farmer who sold animals. The damage to the cattle was done when on the boats by men who went around with sticks, on which were placed nails, and with these prodded the cattle. The result was that the hides were badly damaged, and, when landed in England the cattle presented a very poor appearance.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

COOLEY POTATOES.

THE BLACK SCAB REGULATIONS.

At the meeting of the Louth Agricultural Committee in Dundalk yesterday, a letter was read from the Department of Agriculture detailing the approved varieties of immune potatoes which could be planted in the black scab area in the Cooley district, and adding that under the regulations of the English Board of Agriculture these potatoes might be exported for consumption in England and Wales, provided that if offered for sale in a non-infected area the potatoes were stated to be of the approved immune variety.

Mr. Hugh Magee said that the regulations strangely permitted the sale of the potatoes in any district in England or Wales, and prevented the sale of them in Ireland, where the best market was. Since he had stated at the last meeting that the best price for Cooley potatoes obtainable in England was £2 per ton, he had letters from Limerick and Dublin offering £4 per ton for unlimited quantities. These people did not realise the fact that under the order of the Department the potatoes could not be sold in Ireland. There were thousands of tons of potatoes in Cooley unsaleable at the moment. Potatoes were the only cash crop that the people had, and they were in a terrible state. The prices which they were getting did not pay for the cost of production, and the people were unable to meet their bills or pay their rates.

He proposed a resolution asking the Government to allow the same facilities for the sale of the potatoes in Ireland as existed in England; or, failing this, to pay a bonus of £2 per ton for every ton produced in Cooley. The price named was, he said, the difference between what they were now getting and what they could get if offered for sale in Ireland.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. P. H. McCann and passed unanimously.

BEER BOTTLES.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAMPING.

At the last meeting of the Committee of the Licensed Grocers' and Vintners' Protection Association, held at the Dublin offices, the Secretary reported, in regard to the extension of the period for the stamping of beer bottles, that traders would require, before sending the bottles to Fishamble street, to communicate with Mr. Cormack, the official in charge, and make a declaration of the quantities in their possession requiring to be stamped, and also fix the date for sending them in.

Arrangements for a complimentary banquet to the past Chairman, Mr. J. J. O'Neill, to be held early in February, at Jury's Hotel, were reported to the Committee.

BEER AND SPIRIT DUTIES.

CORK TRADERS' DEMAND FOR REDUCTION.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.
CORK, Tuesday.

A further demand for substantial reduction in the Free State beer and spirit duties was made at the annual meeting of the Cork and Munster Licensed Trade Protective Association here to-day. The resolution, which was moved by Mr. J. Clancy and seconded by Mr. Denis Scanlan, protested vigorously against the confiscation of the licensed trade's property by the continuation of war-time taxation on beer and spirits, and called upon the Government to give a substantial measure of relief in these duties in the forthcoming Budget.

Mr. J. C. Foley, President of the Irish Tourist Development Association, who presided, declared that the exorbitant taxes on Irish stout and Irish whiskey deprived the Irish people of their right to use natural, native and healthy stimulants at reasonable prices, and had, in addition, increased unemployment and distress in the country in the reduction of land under tillage. He pointed out that in pre-war years the tax on stout was seven shillings and ninepence per barrel, and it was now five pounds. On whiskey, he went on, the tax was formerly fourteen shillings and ninepence per gallon, but it had now increased to seventy-two shillings and sixpence. The British Government, therefore, before the war received one shilling and tenpence duty on a bottle of Irish whiskey, while the national Government now continued to exact nine shillings and twopence halfpenny, an increase of 391 per cent.

Mr. John Daly, T.D., said that he was always in support of every movement for the reduction of the excessive duties on beer and spirits, and he urged the trade to continue their organisation in every district in their efforts to redress their grievance and make their industry prosperous.

Reference to the same question was made in the annual report, which was read by Mr. Jeremiah Desmond.

ISLAND CENTENARIAN'S FUNERAL.

BURIED AMONGST BARDS AND WARRIORS.

The funeral has taken place in County Fermanagh of a centenarian, Mrs. Anne McAvinney, one of three sisters. She was born and had resided all her life on Derrykerrib, one of the numerous group of islands in Lough Erne.

The funeral *cortège* consisted of a fleet of cots, the principal of which bore the coffin, the relatives, and the Rev. Thomas O'Doherty, P.P., Newtownbutler, who officiated. The interment took place on the island of Galoon, one of the most ancient cemeteries in Ireland, which dates back to the period of St. Columba, and where rests the ashes of bishops, bards, warriors, and hundreds of the islanders.

Derrykerrib island contains 21 families, consisting of 77 persons, and has an extent of 433 acres. It has no church, school, or cemetery, and the children are taken across to the mainland by cot, provided by the Government of Northern Ireland. It was a resort for I.R.A. men "on the run" during the troubled period, and has been a favourite spot for cockfighters.

The erection of a bridge from the mainland, half a mile distant, is at present under consideration by the Fermanagh County Council.

BALLYMENA MAN'S DEATH.

STRUCK BY A MOTOR VEHICLE.

At the resumed inquest in Ballymena on Tuesday on the body of George Wylie, aged 45, a stonecutter, of Gilmore street, who died in hospital a few hours after he was found lying unconscious in a pool of blood on the Toome road on the 12th inst., Dr. J. Stewart, who performed the *post-mortem* examination, stated that the injuries could not have been caused by blows, but were like injuries caused by the wheel of a motor vehicle.

The Coroner said that it was clear that the man met his death by being struck by a motor, the driver of which callously drove on.

The jury found a verdict of death from fracture of the skull, shock and hemorrhage, received as the result of being knocked down by a motor vehicle.

PRIZES FOR WELL-KEPT COTTAGES.

"In my opinion the giving of prizes for the keeping of cottages throughout the country is a waste of money," declared Mrs. M. L. Markey, at the Louth Agricultural Committee, when she objected to the proposal of the Secretary to allocate £72 as prizes.

Mrs. Markey said that the prizes were won by the same people every year, and most of them were pensioners, who had nothing to do. The growing of flowers was not of the least use to the ratepayers of the country, and she suggested that the money should be spent in some way which would encourage the people to till more land. She urged that prizes should be given to the farmer in the county who grew the greatest proportion of his holding in wheat for the coming season.

A special committee was appointed to deal with the suggestion, and the allocation of the money for cottage prizes was deferred, pending their report.

An old stone coffin with human bones has been found in a farmyard at Whitburn, near Sunderland.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

GAIETY THEATRE
THE HOME OF PANTOMIME
MATINEE TO-DAY, AT 2 O'CLOCK.
TO-NIGHT AT 7.30—LAST FOUR NIGHTS OF
The Successful Pantomime,
DICK WHITTINGTON
AND HIS CAT.
Friday—Benefit to LILIAN MAJOR
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ENORMOUS ATTRACTIONS FOR THIS NIGHT.
Last Two Pantomime Matinees to-day and Sat. at 2.

GAIETY THEATRE.
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TO-NIGHT AND FOLLOWING NIGHTS IN THE WEEK AT 8. MATINEE SATURDAY, at 2.30.
"JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK,"
By SEAN O'CASEY.
Booking at the Theatre, 10.30 to 6 and 8 to 9.
NEXT WEEK—"THE BLIND WOLF."

QUEEN'S THEATRE.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, AT 3 O'CLOCK,
The Operettas,
"PRINCESS CHRYSANTHEMUM" and "A DOLL'S WEDDING,"
Will be performed by Pupils of Holy Faith Convent, Dominick street.
Humorous Items by Mr. C. Beuten, and Children's Dances.
Bookings at Theatre, Clery's and McCullough's, Dawson street.

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IN
"ETERNAL YOUTH,"
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MADAME VAN AALST and HER LYRICALS.

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RONALD COLMAN AND VILMA BANKY
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GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION.
POSITION VACANT—
ASSISTANT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.
The Local Appointments Commissioners invite applications for the whole-time, pensionable position of Assistant Medical Officer of Health for Maternity and Child Welfare, Dublin County Borough. Minimum age 25 years. ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS—(a) Registration as Medical Practitioner in the Register for Saorstat Eireann; (b) specialised experience of health conditions antecedent to child birth and of the ailments and nutrition of infants and young children. Salary £700 by £40 a year to £900 a year. Latest date for receiving applications 5th February, 1929. Forms and particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Local Appointments Commission, 33 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, C.2.
17/A.1646. W.H.Co.

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION.
POSITIONS VACANT—
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES.
The Local Appointments Commissioners invite applications for two whole-time, permanent, pensionable positions of Public Health Nurses for the Louth County Board of Health and Public Assistance. Candidates must hold general training and C.M.B. Certificates, and have had experience of Tuberculosis work, School Medical Inspection and Health Visitor work. Preference will be given to qualified candidates with a knowledge of Irish. Salary in each case £150 by £5 a year to £300 a year, with vouched travelling expenses. Age limits 25 to 40 years. Latest date for receiving applications 7th February, 1929. Forms and particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Local Appointments Commission, 33 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, C.2. 17/A.1641. W.H.Co.

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VACANCY FOR STATE SAVINGS OFFICER UNDER THE CENTRAL SAVINGS COMMITTEE.
The Civil Service Commissioners invite applications for the position of State Savings Officer (Unestablished) under the Central Savings Committee. The person appointed will be required to serve in any part of Saorstát Eireann. Qualifications—Good general education (including a fluent knowledge of Irish), knowledge of economic principles, experience of organising work, ability to address meetings, etc. Inclusive salary per annum—Male Officers, £275, increasing to £300 after two years' approved service; Female Officers, £190, increasing to £210 after two years' approved service. Minimum age limit, 20 years. Latest date for receiving applications is 4th February, 1929. Forms and particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, 33 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, C.2.
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CONTRACTS.

ROYAL VICTORIA EYE AND EAR HOSPITAL,
ADELAIDE ROAD.
The Council of the above Hospital invite Tenders for the supply of the following articles in such quantities as may be required for a period of ten months, commencing the 1st day of March, 1929:—
FISH AND POULTRY, PORK, Etc.;
FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.
Tenders must be delivered not later than Monday, 4th February, 1929, addressed to the Registrar, at the Hospital, from whom printed forms for the purpose and further information can be obtained.
The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.
(By Order) WINIFRED JACKSON, Registrar.

TENDERS.
Tenders are invited for the Extension of KILTYCLOGHER R.C. CHURCH, CO. LEITRIM. Copies of Plans and Specification may be obtained on application to M. Jas. Donnelly, M.R.I.A.I., Architect, Enniskillen, on payment of a fee of Two Guineas, returnable on receipt of a bona fide Tender, and return of the Plans, etc. Copies may also be seen at the Presbytery, in Manorhamilton, or the Presbytery, in Kiltyclogher.
Tenders, marked on the outside "Tender," to be addressed to the Right Revd. Monsr. Soden, P.P. and V.G., Manorhamilton, and delivered not later than Thursday, 14th February, 1929.
The lowest or any Tender may not necessarily be accepted.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

FARADAY LECTURE
ON
"HOW ELECTRICITY DOES THINGS,"
By LLEWELYN B. ATKINSON, M.I.E.E.,
IN THE
GAIETY THEATRE, DUBLIN,
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25th, 1929,
AT 4 P.M.
Chairman: J. J. Murphy, Esq., Chairman Electricity Supply Board.
Admission free, by tickets only obtainable in advance from all members or R. N. EATON, M.I.E.E., Hon Secretary, Irish Centre, 1 Foster place, Dublin.

THE HIGH SCHOOL, DUBLIN
LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.
A LANTERN LECTURE
will be given on
FRIDAY, 25th JANUARY, at 5.30 p.m., on
"SECRETS OF SUNLIGHT."
By DR. W. R. FEARON, F.T.C.D.
Old Boys, Parents and Friends of Pupils Invited.

CORPORATION OF DUBLIN.
EXAMINATION FOR FEMALE TEMPORARY CLERKSHIPS (SHORTHAND TYPISTS).
An Examination for Female Temporary Clerkships (Shorthand Typists) will be held on the 25th, 26th and 27th APRIL NEXT. For fuller particulars apply to the Finance and General Purposes Department, City Hall, Dublin.
GERALD J. SHERLOCK, Town Clerk.
City Hall, 22nd January, 1929. O'K.

BANK OF IRELAND.
Dublin, 22nd January, 1929.
The Court of Directors of the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland give Notice:—
That a General Court will be held at the Bank on FRIDAY NEXT, the 25th INSTANT, at 1 o'clock, to receive the Report from the Court of Directors for the year ended 31st ultimo, and to declare a Dividend.
A. D. STEWART, Secretary.

LEGAL NOTICES.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of
CHARLES NUGENT HUMBLE, late of Cloncoskraine, Dungarvan, County Waterford, Deputy Lieutenant, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Statute 22 and 23 Vic., Cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be creditors of, or otherwise having claims or demands against the estate of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 19th October, 1928, of whose Will, with one Codicil annexed, Probate was granted on the 11th day of January, 1929, to Reverend John Going, Rector, of Dungarvan, County Waterford, the sole executor therein named, forth of the Principal Probate Registry of the High Court of Justice in Saorstat Eireann, are hereby required to send particulars (in writing) of such claims or demands to the undersigned Solicitor for the executor on or before the 8th day of March, 1929, after which date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall have been given as above required.
Dated this 16th day of January, 1929.
ANTHONY CARROLL, Solicitor for Executor, Fermoy, Co. Cork.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR INCUMBRANCERS.
SAORSTAT EIREANN.
Pursuant to an Order of the High Court of Justice, made in a Suit of—
THE IRISH CIVIL SERVICE (PERMANENT) BUILDING SOCIETY v. FRANCIS DORAN.
All persons claiming to be Incumbrancers affecting the interest of the Defendant in the Dwellinghouse known as Rathangan House, with the Out-offices, Two Cottages, Gardens, Pleasure Grounds and Demesne Lands adjoining the same, containing 271 acres and 12 perches, Statute measure, situate in the Parish of Rathangan, Barony of Offaly East, and County of Kildare, are, by their Solicitors, to enter and prove their claims at the Central Office, Law Courts, Dublin Castle, on or before the 18th day of February, 1929; or, in default thereof, they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order.
Every such Incumbrancer holding any security is to produce the same to the Examiner at his Office, Law Courts, Dublin Castle, on the 20th day of February, 1929, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.
Dated this 18th day of January, 1929.
JOHN HEALY, Assistant Examiner.

NOTICE CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.
In the Goods of
ELIZABETH M. OSBORNE, late of Thornton, Dalkeith, Midlothian, Scotland, Married Woman, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 30 and 31 Vic., C. 54, that the said Elizabeth M. Osborne, who died on the 24th day of May, 1927, by her Will dated 6th day of February, 1924, and one Codicil thereto dated 6th day of February, 1924, appointed her husband, Robert Ernest Osborne, of Thornton, Dalkeith, aforesaid; David Callender Osborne, of St. Moira's, Clooney, in the County of Londonderry, Merchant, and John Gulland Osborne, of Kilnock, Davidson Mains, Edinburgh, in the County of Midlothian, Company Secretary, nephew of Deceased, Executors and Trustees of the said Will and Codicil, and thereby, after giving certain legacies, annuities and life estates, bequeathed all the residue of her free property, real and personal to be divided between such charities as to her said Trustees shall seem best; but, without imposing any direction or duty on her said Trustees, the Testator expressed the desire that they should give a preference to such charities as she was interested in during her life.
And Probate of the said Will was on the 25th day of June, 1928, granted forth of the Principal Registry of the High Court of Justice in Saorstát Eireann to the said Executors and Trustees therein named.
Dated this 14th day of January, 1929.
FREDERICK C. DICKSON, Solicitor for said Executors, 23 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin, and 33, Shipquay street, Londonderry.

Notice of Audit and Dividend.—23.
SAORSTAT EIREANN.
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE—IN BANKRUPTCY.
In the Matter of
JOHN J. MURPHY, of Adelphi quay, Waterford, Wholesale Merchant, a Bankrupt.
A Public Sitting will be held before the Court, at the Law Courts, The Castle, Dublin, on Friday, the 8th day of February, 1929, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to audit the Assignees' Account and make a dividend in this matter.
Dated this 21st day of January, 1929.
W. CONNELL, Bankruptcy Clerk.
A. G. HOLLINSHEAD, Official Assignee, Law Courts, The Castle, Dublin.
PORTER, MORRIS and CO., Solicitors for the Assignees, 8 Clare street, Dublin.

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Law Courts, the Castle, 11 a.m.
Circuit Court, Green street, 11 a.m.
Dublin Union Commissioners, 11 a.m.
Linenhall Public Utility Society, St. Paul's Parochial Hall, 8 p.m.
Law Students' and Solicitors' Apprentices Inter-debate, 45 Kildare street, 7.30 p.m.
Gaiety Theatre—"Dick Whittington and His Cat."
Theatre Royal—"Dream Birds."
Olympia Theatre—"One of the Best."
Abbey Theatre—"Juno and the Paycock."
Capitol—"The Garden of Allah," and Varieties.
Metropole Cinema—"Eternal Youth."
Grand Central Cinema—"Two Lovers."
Grafton Picture House—"Odette."
Pavilion, Dun Laoghaire—"Body and Soul."
Plaza—Star Dance Championships.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1929.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND

The Free State Executive Council yesterday discussed the Coinage Crux.—(Page 7.)

The annual Convention of the County Clare Athletic Association yesterday decided, by 70 votes to 20, to maintain the ban on "foreign" games.—(Page 11.)

At the meeting of the Institute of Bankers in Dublin last night reference was made to the steady and general improvement in the country.—(Page 5.)

The conference on Monday next between beet-growers and T.D.'s from the beet-growing districts may be followed by a deputation to the Ministers concerned.—(Page 11.)

The Belfast Corporation, at a special meeting yesterday, decided to abandon the proposed bill for the reform of the municipal administration. An amendment to take a plebiscite of the ratepayers was defeated.—(Page 11.)

In the Kilmainham District Court yesterday two men were returned for trial, charged with conspiracy to burn, and with burning, three thatched houses in Swords.—(Page 11.)

GREAT BRITAIN

The King is to be moved to Craigweil House, Sir Arthur du Cros's Sussex residence, near Bognor, next month to recuperate.—(Page 7.)

Mr. Baldwin, in the House of Commons yesterday, stated that the Government had come to the conclusion that the time was ripe for a comprehensive re-examination of the Channel tunnel question.—(Page 7.)

A conference will take place to-day between the Chief Commissioner of Police in London and the Scotland Yard officers who have been investigating the Southampton garage murder.—(Page 8.)

The House of Commons last night in committee disposed of Clauses 54 to 68 of the Local Government Bill.—(Page 8.)

ABROAD.

Three ships in the Atlantic have sent out S.O.S. messages.—(Page 7.)

The latest financial scandal in France involves two sugar companies, who, it is alleged, swindled the Government out of 80,000,000 francs.—(Page 7.)

Eighteen persons were killed and eight seriously injured in a collision between an electric train and a motor 'bus in Ohio.—(Page 7.)

FINANCIAL

The Dublin United Tramway Company's final dividend is 2½ per cent., making 4 per cent. for 1928, as against 5 per cent., making 4½ per cent. for 1927.—(Page 12.)

The Imperial Tobacco Company's final dividend is 11 per cent. and bonus of 7½ per cent., against 10 per cent. and 7½ per cent. for 1927. There is also a capital bonus of one free Ordinary share for every four. The amount of the dividend is 3/8 2-5 per share, tax free.—(Page 7.)

London Stock Markets were better. Mond Nickels were dealt in in their new form. Many good spots were noted among Industrials.—(Page 12.)

Short loans were in keen demand in Lombard street at 4 per cent. and over. The tendency of discounts was still firm.—(Page 13.)

Dublin Market was fairly active and firm in tone, the feature being the rise in Imperial Tobaccos on the increased dividend and capital bonus.—(Page 12.)

The King's Health.

If everything goes well, the end of January may find the King at the seaside. This news, which was announced from Buckingham Palace yesterday, will be received with joy and gratitude throughout the Empire. It is not, indeed, a guarantee of the King's convalescence, but we may read into it the doctors' strong hope that the stage of convalescence is at hand. During the last fortnight His Majesty's progress has been unchecked, but slow—so slow that the slight changes from day to day have been described with difficulty. Yesterday's bulletin—save in one respect—was entirely favourable. The King's temperature is normal; his wound is closing; he is able to take solid food and his general strength shows improvement; but "there is not as yet any appreciable increase in weight." For this emaciation the doctors have decided to invoke the healing forces of nature. Within the next few days the King will go to Bognor, on the Sussex coast, where, in a beautiful and secluded house, he will enjoy the fullest measure of England's winter sunshine and will take vigour from the Channel breezes. The official statement is careful to remind us that this change is preliminary to the establishment of convalescence, not a result of it; but the King's subjects everywhere will pin their faith to Bognor. Their present joy will be enhanced by the memory of their recent fears. They will remember the dark days around Christmas when they were half-afraid to open their newspapers, and those later days when they were invited to cultivate hope, but found the scantiest material for it. The King's illness has been notable for its length of nine weeks. It has been notable for His Majesty's patience and courage. He was never a strong man and he is not a young man. During those long weeks his pain and weariness must have weighed terribly upon him, but he never flinched, and his head was borne up bravely by the brave heart within. Most of all, this illness has been notable for its evocation of an almost universal anxiety. In its worst hours the whole Empire was obsessed with the single thought of the King's danger. Business and pleasure were disregarded. It was as though the King's people everywhere were watching by his bedside and had—

lent him half their powers
To eke his living out.

Other nations, too, have displayed a sincere and generous sympathy. In America the daily bulletins have been awaited hardly less eagerly than in Great Britain and in Ireland. The Pope has offered prayers for the King's recovery. Yesterday, in the Japanese Parliament, the Foreign Minister expressed his gratification at the latest news. The King's return to health must be a tedious matter, but we think that the ordeal will be lightened for him by these abundant proofs of his people's affection and of the world's esteem. As the Empire has sorrowed with the Queen and has admired her devotion and her unfaltering sense of duty, so it will rejoice with her to-day.

A Fascist Parliament.

By virtue of a royal decree, promulgated on Monday, the Italian Parliament has been dissolved, and everything now is in readiness for the election of the new Chamber. Nominations of parliamentary candidates must be concluded before February 17th; the election will be held on March 24th, and the new Chamber will meet on April 20th. This assembly will be one of the strangest in the history of parliamentary institutions. There will be one thousand candidates for four hundred seats, and the vacancies will be filled by Signor Mussolini, acting through the medium of the Fascist Grand Council. In theory the new Parliament will be "vocational." Eight hundred candidates will be submitted by the thirteen Syndicalist Confederations of employers and workers, and the remaining two hundred will be chosen by twenty-three "recognised associations." When the full number of one thousand candidates has been completed in this way, the list will be sent to the Fascist Grand Council. The *Duce* does not conceal his intentions. The four hundred successful candidates will be chosen according to his desires. "Those categories," he declares, "to which I always have had an irresistible antipathy will not be elected." The final list of candidates will be "100 *per cent.* Fascist." No outsider will have the slightest chance of inclusion on the official panel, and, doubtless, Signor Mussolini will find ways and means to deal with any rash individual who may dare to seek election on an independent ticket.

The appearance of a democratic election will be retained, inasmuch as the people will be allowed to vote; but the method of their voting has no precedent. Signor Mussolini spurns the ordinary machinery of elections. He is equally contemptuous of the straight vote, the *scrutin de liste*, the *scrutin d'arrondissement*, and proportional representation. There will be thirty million voting papers, on which a single question will be written: "Do you approve of the Fascist Grand Council's list?" The answer must be "yes" or "no"; and as every voter will be watched carefully, there is little doubt concerning the result. Signor Mussolini's four hundred trusted henchmen will be elected in due course by overwhelming majorities; the new Parliament will meet, and the *Duce* will proclaim *urbi et orbi* that Italy once more has found her soul. Of course, the new Parliament, like its forerunner, will have no power of any kind. It will exist merely in order to register Signor Mussolini's decisions, and to provide him with a sympathetic audience when he wishes to make a speech. Its convocation will mark the achievement of the *Duce's* ambition to make Italy entirely Fascist, and it will mark also an important stage on the way to a Corporative State. Signor Mussolini professes to believe in Syndicalism, and his trade union organisations certainly are founded on a syndicalist basis. He is aiming at the creation of a community of producers, in which the drones will get very short shrift. Hitherto he has made rapid progress with his plans.

The average Italian citizen to-day has absolutely no influence in the affairs of his country. Fascism has subdued all opposition to its programme. Now everybody in Italy is a Fascist, for the sufficient reason that he dares not be anything else. Signor Mussolini has the land in a grip of iron, and, while undoubtedly he is doing a great deal of magnificent work, he treats the rank and file of the populace as the plebeians were treated by his imperial predecessors two thousand years ago. The system of government which he is building up has no element of permanence; for it is based, not on the popular will, but on the law of an individual. Much can be achieved through the agency of a complete autocracy. Signor Mussolini, for example, will not be hampered by any parliamentary criticism in his negotiations concerning the Roman question. He can readjust Italy's foreign relations according to his own pleasure, and by the ruthless exercise of his powers as a dictator he can improve economic conditions enormously. In the long run, however, his carefully wrought system is bound to collapse, or, at any rate, to be replaced by a more democratic system. The Italian people are a liberty-loving race. They recognise the fine work that has been done by Mussolini, but they will not submit in perpetuity to the loss of their birthright. Fascism is not less undemocratic than Bolshevism, although it aspires to precisely opposite ends; and, if Signor Mussolini were as wise as he is efficient, he would try in his new Parliament, not to put the last nail in the coffin of political freedom, but to give the people an increased share in the government of the country.

Brains and Genius.

What conclusions about intellectual capacity may be drawn from an examination of the human brain? Professor Sir Arthur Keith discussed this question in a lecture on Monday. He commended the Government of Russia, which has spent as much money on the examination of Lenin's brain as might have equipped a battleship. Sir Arthur thinks also that it might be possible to estimate the capacity of living brains, and thus to contrive that village Hampdens and mute Miltons should escape the obscurity of the country churchyard. He spoke of parts of the brain which may be connected with particular forms of ability. This opinion was reminiscent strangely of the despised "science" of phrenology. At one time books and diagrams were popular which claimed to show, with mathematical accuracy, the compartments of the head and the qualities that were supposed to belong to every compartment. Perhaps, phrenology may come to be regarded as a serious science, but really nothing has been proved in support of its claims. It is not probable that a physician in a village school will be able to discover a young Milton, if one is present, merely by the measurement of children's heads. Genius usually is associated with large-sized skulls, but the rule is not wholly trustworthy. Sir Arthur Keith mentioned Anatole France, whose brain was found to be smaller by twelve ounces than that usually possessed by a farm labourer. It was suggested ingeniously that traffic in the art of personal experience requires a lack of reticence or control, and that some people gain in the writing of fiction, or in other forms of art, by their own mental deficiencies. Another test of mental capacity which was suggested in this lecture was the power to enjoy life. Perhaps, the massive-brained farm labourer enjoys life better than Anatole France enjoyed it—better also than Swift or Shelley, who fell below the standardised cerebral pattern. Science has small knowledge on these matters and cannot draw definite conclusions; but they are interesting as subjects of speculation.

The New Hebrides.

The New Hebrides form one of those groups of islands in the South Pacific which attracted us in youth as the home of coco-nuts and cannibals. They are ruled jointly by English and French officials, under the system which is known as a *condominium*, and in these days they possess many missionary schools. It seems, however, that cannibalism still flourishes on some of the islands. If a writer of adventure stories chooses to wreck his hero's ship on Gaua or Malekula, he may provide his readers with scores of hairbreadth escapes that will be no outrage on the laws of probability. According to Mr. John Baker, who has read a paper before the Royal Geographical Society, the visitor to Sakau may see "a couple of hundred savages dancing madly round a huge bonfire in a clearing in the dense forest at midnight." Cannibalism still occurs among the islanders, but, although people sometimes are eaten when they have been killed, they are not killed in order that they may be eaten. The distinction is not unimportant. Mr. Baker, who sojourned among the natives for a considerable period, describes them as possessing to a high degree the virtues of cheerfulness and honesty. European civilisation, no doubt, has brought some material blessings to the South Seas, but the only traces of European influence in the remote areas of Sakau are the calico strip, the knife and the muzzle-loading musket, without which no native ever leaves his village. The New Hebrides group is prosperous and well-developed, but it is regrettable to find, as in other portions of the South Seas, a dwindling population. The natives have not an inherited resistance to diseases from which Europeans are comparatively immune. Mr. Baker suggests that, in the interests of the people, one of the islands shall be quarantined strictly for about twenty years.

LITERARY CENSORSHIP.

CAMBRIDGE UNION SOCIETY DEBATE.

Cambridge Union Society last night discussed the motion: "That in the opinion of this house all forms of literary censorship are highly undesirable."

During the debate the question of the censorship of indecency, blasphemy and sedition was introduced.

Mr. J. H. Bell, of King's College, who proposed the motion, said that in relation to blasphemy there was one law for the rich and one for the poor.

The rich educated man could say in polite language what it would be a criminal offence for the illiterate man to say in simple language. In his opinion the censorship of plays was purely the attitude of mind of one individual—the Lord Chamberlain—towards a play, and was of a most arbitrary character.

At the root of the matter was a puritanism that wished to prevent people enjoying books and plays that those in authority did not happen to understand or approve.

Mr. H. B. Tanner, of St. John's College, who opposed the motion, said that if the laws against blasphemy were rightly interpreted two or three Cambridge divinity professors would at this moment be doing time. (Laughter.) Mr. R. E. Swartwout, Trinity College, thought that literary censorship frequently resulted in a glorious advertisement that many authors and publishers were glad of. He felt that without this censorship many books of doubtful character would never be heard of.

The voting figures were:—For the motion, 99; against the motion, 122—majority against, 23.

CAPTAIN CAMPBELL'S EFFORT.

FAVOURED BY SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

CAPE TOWN, Tuesday.

The Cabinet has decided to assist financially in clearing the track on the dried lake (Verneuk Pan), some four hundred miles up country where Captain Campbell will make an attempt to beat the world's motor speed "record." The Cabinet is giving five hundred sterling, which with a similar sum voted by the Royal Automobile Club of South Africa, places one thousand sterling at Captain Campbell's disposal.

The Cabinet's decision is regarded here as important, not only financially, but also because it sets the seal of Government approval and encouragement on Captain Campbell's venture. It is noteworthy that the suggestion that the Government should contribute towards Captain Campbell's expenses was originally made by the Nationalist organ, *Ons Vaderland*, which, in a leading article, welcomed the famous motorist, pointing out the publicity value of his visit to South Africa.

The credit for the discovery of Verneuk Pan rests with the *Cape Times*, as it was on the original survey made by that paper that Captain Campbell sent out a representative, Mr. Waters, to inspect the site.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference.—A trough of low pressure moving northwards over Western districts will cause mild, unsettled conditions in the West and North-West, while in the East and Midlands cold, foggy weather will tend to persist.

Ireland, all Districts.—Mainly south-easterly to southerly winds, moderate to strong; cloudy; some rain or drizzle; local mist; temperature rising.

Irish Sea, crossings from Holyhead, Heysham, Stranraer, Glasgow, Ardrossan and Liverpool; St. George's Channel, crossing from Fishguard—Variable but mainly south-easterly winds, moderate to strong; cloudy; some rain or drizzle; local mist, perhaps fog; sea moderate, becoming rather rough.

Dixon and Hempenstall Barometers and Thermometers 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN WEATHER REPORT.

Jan.	Bar	Thermometer. Temp. 10 p.m.	Max.	Min.	Grass Min.	Wind.	Rain, m.m.	Sun hours
17	29.892	42.0	42	28	24	W.	2.4	—
18	30.028	48.8	51	41	35	S.W.	0.7	1.5
19	30.196	51.0	55	48	40	S.W.	0.2	1.7
20	30.044	43.0	51	43	37	N.E.	Trace	0.8
21	30.082	42.4	51	38	29	E.	Trace	0.3
22	30.184	42.0	45	40	32	E.	—	—

THE SUN.
To-day....Rises ... 8.24 Sets 4.50
To-morrow.. " ... 8.23 " 4.52
Lighting-up Time To-day 5.50

HIGH WATER DUBLIN.
To-day.....Morning 9.39 Afternoon 10.11
To-morrow.. " .. 10.39 " 11. 5

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The announcement that the King will leave Buckingham Palace shortly for change of air has confirmed the universal hope that His Majesty's progress is assured. It is expected that he will make the journey from London to Bognor by motor car, but probably not for another week.

The Queen has recovered from her recent cold, and enjoys a drive daily. This week Her Majesty visited the Claridge Gallery, and spent some time in inspecting the exhibition of painted icons, which have aroused much interest in London.

Prince Arthur of Connaught presided last night at the annual dinner of the Royal Scots Greys' Association, which was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet street, and was attended by a large gathering of past and present officers of the regiment. On Monday the Prince, accompanied by Princess Arthur of Connaught, presided at a meeting of the governors and supporters of the Middlesex Hospital, when a scheme of "liaison officers" to aid the work of the institution was inaugurated.

The Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe have left Floors Castle for London. The Marchioness of Hartington is staying at Churchdale Hall, Derbyshire, but will shortly join the Marquis of Huntingdon at their London residence. The Marquis and Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair have arrived in London from the House of Cromar, Aberdeenshire. Viscount and Viscountess Astor have returned to London from Cliveden.

The Marquis of Clydesdale, who is suffering from an attack of influenza, is somewhat better, though still confined to the house. Lady Phillimore is laid up with a severe attack of bronchitis, but is making slow progress. Lord Mostyn is in a nursing home in London, where he has undergone an operation. Colonel the Right Hon. John Gretton, M.P., is one of the latest sufferers from influenza.

The Hon. Ernest Guinness arrived at Ashford, Cong, last week, and his guests assembled on Monday for the annual woodcock shoot. They include the Earl of Iveagh and the Hon. C. Willoughby. The record "bag" was got last year, and hitherto the present season has been good.

Earl and Countess Cadogan, with Viscount Chelsea and Lady Beatrix Cadogan, have arrived in London from Culford Hall. Lord Herbert Scott has returned to London from Paris. Lord and Lady Templemore arrived in London yesterday from Upton House, Hampshire. Lord and Lady Braye have arrived in London for a stay of two months.

Among the guests entertained by the Earl and Countess of Huntingdon at Burton Hall last week, for the Melton-Mowbray Hunt ball, were the Swiss Minister and Madame Paravicini, the Earl of Jersey, Lord and Lady Annaly, Lord William Scott, the Hon. Gwendolen Meysey-Thompson, Miss Pasley and Mr. Gerald Hardy.

The Hon. Sir James Connolly will leave London to-morrow for Marseilles to join the s.s. Razmak for Australia. Lady and Miss Connolly will accompany him as far as Malta, and will then return to London. Sir Alan Sykes is on his way to St. Jean-de-Luz, and will not return to England till early in March. Sir John and Lady Page Wood have gone to Switzerland, and will be away for some weeks.

The engagement is announced between Captain P. S. Lowsley-Williams, Royal Gloucestershire Hussars, second son of Major G. Lowsley-Williams (retd., 3rd Yorkshire Regiment) and Mrs. Lowsley-Williams, of Chavenage, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, and Ida, younger daughter of the late Mr. T. J. Carroll-Leahy and Mrs. Carroll-Leahy, of Woodfort, Mallow, Ireland, and granddaughter of the late Mr. John Harold-Barry, D.L., of Ballyvonare, Co. Cork.

The engagement is announced, and the wedding will take place in Bombay on the 4th February, of Captain S. A. Gibbons, 2nd Batt. the Durham Light Infantry, eldest son of the late Mr. Richard Gibbons, Barley Hill, and Mrs. Gibbons, South Mall, Westport, and Marion Constance, only daughter of Mr. W. M. Findlay, Barrister-at-Law, Wellington, New Zealand.

The marriage which has been arranged between Albert Edward, son of David Bourke and the late Mrs. Bourke, Kilmihill, Kilmallock, and Margaret Mary, youngest daughter of Mrs. Manahan and the late William Manahan, Ballylanders, Co. Limerick, will take place quietly at Clondalkin Church, Co. Dublin, on February 6th.

At Switzers Sale (which ends on Saturday next) a large number of very attractive Handbags in the newest designs and colours are being cleared at greatly reduced prices—many at less than half the regular price. Smart Brocade Evening Bags can be had at 3s. 11d. and beautiful Leather Bags at 9s. 11d., 15s. and 19s. 6d. each.

Holmes' Sale—Warehouse open all day Wednesday.—W. Holmes and Co., 69, 70, 71 South Great George's street.

Correct Time. Chancellor's celebrated Watches and Clocks.

Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dublin, and Salthill Hotel, Monkstown, now quoting special winter terms. Meals interchangeable between both hotels. For particulars apply Manager.

Advice as to Sale.—Before Selling or Buying Pictures, Old Silver, Glass, China, Furniture, Books, Jewellery, and Chattels of all kinds, those concerned should obtain the best advice as to values. For qualified expert opinion apply to Bennett and Son, Limited, Auctioneering and Valuing Consultants, 6 Ormond quay, Upper, Dublin. Founded 1803. 'Phone 376.

W. Leon's Last Week of Great Winter Sale. Genuine Reductions. 24 Grafton street.

May Wyatt's Sale—Dainty Frocks, Coats and Jumper Suits at much reduced prices to clear.—26 Wicklow street.

At Slyne's Sale. We are copying new models at Sale Prices.—Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

French Frock in finest mushroom-coloured repp, to fit girl 15 years, for 32s. 6d., at Slyne's Sale, 71 Grafton street.

PASSENGERS BY ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals—A. C. Daly, Dr. MacFarland, Miss K. Grace, M. J. Gardiner, Miss G. Keogh, Miss K. Burke-Wright, E. and Mrs. Fogarty, the Hon. Mrs Wright, Desmond J. Collins, Miss M. S. Allen, Mrs. Park, T. G. Jameson.

Departures—Caleb Wallace, A. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Baker, Miss H. Hemsworth, E. C. Harrington, E. and Mrs. Fogarty, J. J. Fogarty, A. H. Ennis, D. Rennison, Miss V. Cave, Miss M. Rennison, Miss E. Gibson, the Misses O. and M. Treacy, G. J. Brenan, Miss C. Synes, Mrs. Park, J. G. Jameson, Miss H. Oulam, Mrs. H. Manders, Countess McCormack, Miss McCormack, J. B. B. Aimers, R. J. A. Jameson, Miss B. Anderson, Miss D. Stewart, Miss Doreen French, Trevor Lawerence, A. J. Leonard, Lieut.-Colonel C. L. Davis, H. G. Perry, Miss M. G. Kirkwood.

PASSENGERS BY THE B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

Arrivals—J. Caplan, J. L. Whitgreave, Stanfield Jones, T. Gleave, R. Twyford, J. Thompson, T. Baker, T. Kilbrooke, J. O'Dowd, T. Withers, J. Malcolm, E. J. Miller, T. Siddall, L. Jackson, Mrs. Bland Jameson, Miss E. O'Neill, R. Pearce, T. Pendle, J. Gilbert, Bunce Lockwood.

Departures—J. H. Barclay, T. Owen, T. Devine, J. Gahan, J. Hoey, H. Hartog, W. Proctor, H. D. Huet, Carton O'Mara, Rev. Canon Raven, Mrs. H. C. V. Porter, Miss Porter, Colonel Wood, Miss Wood, J. Thompson, F. M. Reilly, H. Mitchell, T. McNab, D. L. Coddington.

Sale Bargains—Further revision has been made in the price of all Fashion goods not yet cleared. Anyone desiring really genuinely reduced goods should not delay a visit to McBirney's, Aston's quay, Dublin.

During this month we are selling Carpet Squares and Remnants at a considerable reduction.—Millar and Beatty, Ltd., 14 Grafton st.

To Ladies.—Elastic Stockings, Belts and Medical Appliances, Artificial Silk Elastic Stockings, flesh, without seam, unnoticed with modern hosiery. Special department for ladies on first floor. Lady Attendant.—Fannin and Co., 41 Grafton street.

Davis and Co.'s Annual Winter Sale. Fur-trimmed Coats, Suits, Dresses and Millinery all greatly reduced in price. See our Windows.—45/6 Grafton street.

Prescription Specialist—Joseph O'Reilly, M.P.S.I., 102 Lr. Leeson st., 17 Up. Merrion st. Night bell.

OUTDOOR POOR RELIEF.

LARGE INCREASE IN ENGLISH FIGURES.

A Ministry of Health return issued last night, comparing outdoor Poor Law relief in England and Wales in November last with November, 1913, shows that the total of 366,800 at the earlier period had more than doubled in fifteen years, having grown to 850,300. The average amount of relief per person had grown from 2s. 6d. in 1913 to 5s. 9d. in November last.

The death took place at Armagh, after a long illness, of Mr. Henry Campbell, a well-known cattle dealer.

LONDON LETTER.

A WELCOME SURPRISE.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,

TUESDAY NIGHT.

The bulletin issued from Buckingham Palace this morning brought a welcome surprise; for it contained a review of the present condition of the King, with an intimation that the time is approaching when removal to the seaside will be possible. No fewer than five medical men signed the bulletin, so that there must have been a thorough examination of the patient. A normal temperature, satisfactory pulse, a healing wound, and improvement in general strength, with a returning appetite for solid food, all are good signs, though it is regrettable that there is no appreciable increase in weight. This may come right with time, but is certain to cause some little concern until there is an increase. A change to sea air probably will work marvels in this direction.

A Seaside Cure.

Following upon the issue of the bulletin came an official statement to the effect that the King will go to Craigweil House, near Bognor, in Sussex, placed at his disposal by Sir Arthur du Cros. The journey will be made by road. Stress is laid on the fact that the decision does not indicate that convalescence is at hand, but that the King is being taken to the sea in order that he may be helped in his struggles against weakness. Craigweil House is about a mile west of Bognor, standing only a few yards from the shore, with its own promenade by the sea. Its garden is well sheltered by trees from the northerly winds, and it has some fine views over the Channel. The house was built about a century ago, and Sir Arthur du Cros has spent a great deal of money on it. It has a beautiful ballroom, a miniature theatre, and some delightful reception rooms.

The Royal Yacht.

The King at Bognor will have a fine view of his favourite Isle of Wight, and, since he cannot stay in the island, it is probable that he will be quite happy at Bognor. He has no inclination to stay at any foreign resort, and much prefers to be on a yacht in the Mediterranean rather than on land on the Riviera. Should the health of the King be re-established by his stay at the seaside, it is thought that he may go for a cruise on a yacht, though the Victoria and Albert may not be used. This vessel is not built for rough voyages, since she rolls too much, and does not behave nicely in the Bay of Biscay. When the King last used her he went aboard at Toulon. It is suggested that the Enchantress, the yacht belonging to the Admiralty, which is small, modern, and very comfortable, would be more suitable for an invalid.

In Parliament.

Mr. J. G. Lamb, the Conservative member for Stone, Staffordshire, was the first member to enter the House of Commons this morning, arriving as the clock struck seven. He had the Lobby to himself until eight o'clock, when he entered the House, placed a card on his seat, and walked out again. No other member troubled to put in an early appearance, but during the morning several went down to the House and marked their seats. The all-pervading fog made the House very gloomy this afternoon when the Speaker took the chair, but there was a fairly good attendance of members, while the front benches on both sides were filled.

The General Election.

In the Lobby of the House of Commons this evening all the talk seemed to centre round the general election and its possibilities. Before the recess there was no great discussion as to the way in which the new women voters will exercise the franchise; but to-day there was much talk as to the great uncertainty of the situation, and a number of members have come to the conclusion that they cannot regard re-election as certain. An opinion frequently expressed was that the three great parties will come back about the same in number, and that another general election will be inevitable in the course of a few months. Some members betrayed keen anxiety to get away from Westminster in order to be in their constituencies to prepare for the great day, but leave of absence is difficult to secure.

The Channel Tunnel.

Sir William Bull, though he has the support of a number of members of the House of Commons for the Channel tunnel scheme, has not a majority; for they number only 194, including 112 Conservatives, 11 Liberals, 68 Socialists, and 3 Independents. In the House of Lords just over one hundred support the idea, but a number, at present uncertain, are opposed, among them being Lord Ullswater, Lord Banbury, Lord Cushendun, Lord Danesfort and Lord Hardinge. In the Commons some notable opponents include Colonel Gretton and Mr. Stephen Walsh. The announcement made by Mr. Baldwin this afternoon, that he is prepared to re-examine the question, gave great encouragement to the promoters of the movement, and a meeting is to be held on Tuesday next to consider the new position.

Business Efficiency.

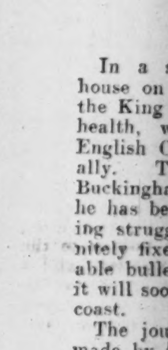
The Lord Mayor opened the Business Efficiency Exhibition at the White City this afternoon, when a really wonderful collection of aids to efficiency in business methods was displayed. In addition to the usual, well-known desks, typewriters, filing cabinets, etc., there are a number of new machines. One opens letters, no matter what their size or shape, at the rate of five hundred *per* minute, while another seals envelopes at the rate of two hundred *per* minute. A strange-looking machine, rather like a typewriter, operates on a flat, table-like surface. A mechanical book-keeper, it records credit and debit, adds up as it goes along, subtracts, and reveals profit or loss at the end of the day.

The Aquitania.

A number of people went down to Southampton this morning to inspect the Cunard liner Aquitania, which has been undergoing a complete overhauling and much modification. The vessel bears evidence that shipping owners are carefully watching the progress of a revolution in ocean passenger traffic; for on the Aquitania there is no longer a second class for passengers, since the two main divisions are now to be the cabin, formerly first class, and the tourist third cabin, formerly second class. This change will enable thousands of people to cross the Atlantic at a cost of only £40 return. The accommodation in the third cabin is remarkably good and comfortable, and in some respects even luxurious. The other vessels of the Cunard Line are being remodelled and modified in a similar manner.

Dover-Ostend.

Considerable improvement is to be effected on the Dover-Ostend steamship service. This route to the Continent has rather fallen behind the times, but negotiations are proceeding for the conclusion of an agreement whereby the service will be taken over by the National Railways Company from the Belgian Government. If the agreement is completed, four new vessels will be constructed in addition to the two recently ordered by the Belgian Government. With six new steamers it is hoped that there will be a great development of the traffic on the service, which some years ago was a popular route, particularly with holiday-makers, one reason being the rather lower fares compared with the shorter sea crossings to Calais and Boulogne.



KING TO BE MOVED TO THE SEASIDE.

SIR ARTHUR DU CROS'S SUSSEX MANSION SELECTED.

DOCTORS' DECISION.

JOURNEY BY ROAD TO BOGNOR NEXT MONTH.

THE King, on the advice of his medical attendants, is to be moved to the seaside to recuperate, and Sir Arthur du Cros's residence in the old-world Sussex village of Aldwick, about a mile and a half from Bognor, has been selected for this purpose. No date has been fixed for the removal of the King from Buckingham Palace, where he has been ill for nine weeks, to Craigweil House, but it is hoped that the journey will be made by road in the early days of February.

The following bulletin and official statement were issued yesterday morning from Buckingham Palace:—

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, Noon.

The King has had a quiet night. The temperature has now remained normal for many days, and the condition of the pulse is satisfactory. The empyæma wound is small and steadily healing.

With a returning appetite the amount of nourishment is adequate, and includes solid food. Although the general strength shows improvement, there is not as yet any appreciable increase in weight.

We feel the time is approaching when His Majesty's removal to sea air will be advantageous.

(Signed) STANLEY HEWETT,
HUGH M. RIGBY,
E. FARQUHAR BUZZARD.
HUMPHRY ROLLESTON,
DAWSON OF PENN.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, Tuesday.

It has been realised by the King's medical advisers that, prior to the establishment of convalescence, there would arrive a time when sea air would be necessary in order to secure the continuation of His Majesty's progress.

With that knowledge, careful search was made for a residence not only suitable in itself, but possessing the necessary attributes of close proximity to the sea, southern exposure, protection from wind, privacy, and reasonable access to London.

The residence selected is Craigweil House, Bognor (Sussex), placed at His Majesty's disposal by Sir Arthur du Cros, Baronet.

Sir Stanley Hewett, who is still staying at the Palace, probably will accompany the King when he moves to Bognor, and will stay at Craigweil House.

It is stated that the progress made by the King continues to be satisfactory, and the position has now altered materially from what it was a fortnight ago.

The time for the issue of the next bulletin has not yet been arranged, but, if the King's condition continues to give satisfaction, it is possible that some considerable interval may intervene between future bulletins.

Lord Dawson of Penn was at the Palace for only a short time last night, and the violet ray treatment was not applied.

"SUN ROOM" IN EVERY SUITE.

In a spacious bedroom of a sturdy house on the edge of the sea at Bognor the King is to continue his fight back to health, with bracing breezes from the English Channel as a new and powerful ally. The date of his removal from Buckingham Palace, where for nine weeks he has been waging a grim and exhausting struggle for life, has not been definitely fixed; but yesterday's very favourable bulletin gives rise to the hope that it will soon be possible to take him to the coast.

The journey, it is understood, will be made by road to Craigweil House, which has been loaned to the King by Sir Arthur du Cros, who acquired it about ten years ago.

THE HOUSE DESCRIBED.

The following description of the house was received last night from an authoritative source:—

"It provides an ideal situation for the full private enjoyment of the sea and the sun. You cannot see a house from there; you just look out to the glorious sea. The house, a three-storey building, which faces due south, was built in the best period of early Victorian architecture.

"Sir Arthur du Cros had very considerable extensions made in order to get the maximum amount of sun at every point, and the principal bedrooms have open-air alcoves, protected from the weather by glass casements. All the principal rooms run continuously along the South terrace.

"At either end, east and west, are a forty-feet diningroom and a forty-feet music room. In the centre of the façade fronting the sea is a rotunda, in part of which is an open-air sleeping room. The bedrooms are arranged in suites, with dressing rooms and bathrooms attached; and every suite has a 'sun room.'

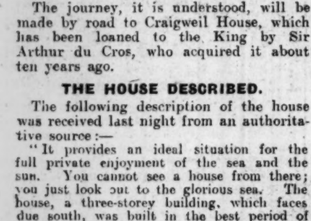
"The windows of the wing which it is believed the King will occupy look down through Scotch firs to the sea. His Majesty, when he is sufficiently recovered, will be able to walk along a private terrace or promenade, occupying nearly the whole foreshore.

"The whole house is decorated in a simple style, almost in one colour, in order to give the effect of size and space, and to show Sir Arthur's interesting collection of objects of art.

"The house is full of beautiful old furniture. The house and surroundings were thoroughly inspected by experts quite recently, in order to guarantee perfection in all arrangements connected with sanitation. The spot was bathed in sunshine when that was done. It was just like a spring day."

TWENTY BEDROOMS.

Craigweil House is a mile outside Bognor, in Aldwick, an old-world village of winding lanes, which is rapidly becoming a residential suburb of the town. High walls enclose on three sides its twenty-two acres of beautiful gardens and lawns, with rose beds and pergolas in



artistic profusion, and here and there a piece of choice garden statuary.

From the wide bay windows the King will see to westward the massive head of Selsey Bill, thrust far into the sea. In another direction he will get a distant view of the Isle of Wight. As he lies in bed breathing the health-giving air wafted through the wide windows he will hear the soothing sound of breaking waves on the shore below.

The house has twenty bedrooms, and there is accommodation for about fifty servants. The stone of which it is built ensures warmth in a cold spell. The carriage-drive to the main road is over half-a-mile long. The house contains a wonderful electric organ, and has its own cinematograph apparatus.

The people of the neighbourhood had been puzzled during the past week by unusual—almost feverish—activity at Craigweil House.

"A few local folk," a resident told a Press Association reporter, "thought it was possible that the King was coming to Craigweil House, and others suspected that someone else of importance was contemplating a stay at the mansion."

POLICE GUARD.

There was a strong police guard at the gates of the mansion last night.

A Press Association reporter who called last night at the picturesque mansion, which is at the end of two long winding lanes, found the iron gates securely locked and a constable on guard. The police watch on the gates is being kept day and night until the arrival of the King.

Post Office engineers, who have been at the mansion for some time past installing private telephone lines, were working late into the evening, and a small indoor staff were busying themselves in making preparations for the King's arrival.

Many well-known personalities have stayed in the past at Craigweil House, among them being the late Lord Oxford and Asquith. Aldwick, too, was the spot chosen by Mr. Bonar Law for a recuperative holiday; for the locality is well known for the restorative properties of the air all the year round.

The point where one of the lanes leaves the main road and branches off to Craigweil House is known among local people as "millionaires corner"; for within the vicinity are the homes of three reputed millionaires.

A plentiful supply of sea water, as well as fresh water, is provided in the bathroom of each bedroom in the house.

The bright-hued bedroom, which the King is likely to occupy, adjoins the sun room. Below the windows a crazy pathed path stretches across a lawn to the sea promenade, which is protected by a shelter at each end.

BOGNOR'S WELCOME.

Canon A. J. Sacre, chairman of the Urban Council, said to a Press Association reporter:—

"The town will heartily welcome the King and wish him a speedy recovery. We shall give him the heartiest reception he has ever had, but we must observe the fact that he has not yet recovered from his severe illness. Plans for any form of celebration have not yet been made. Whether there will be anything of this kind it is too early to say. Personally I think that the King will come quietly and, probably, at night, and then no one will know he is here until the next day."

Bognor and Aldwick last night were agog with excitement over the honour which has come their way. Mr. J. Jubb, the Clerk of Bognor, said:—

"All of us in Bognor are delighted at the news that His Majesty is to come here to recuperate. We are confident that his stay here will prove of great value to him. I am glad to say that our sunshine record has been good during the week-end. On last Saturday we had over eight hours of sunshine. Men have been working at express speed during the last week on Craigweil House. I understand that special telephone arrangements are being made. The house should now prove an ideal place."

The last Royal visitor to Bognor was the Duke of Gloucester, while he was staying with the Duke of Richmond and Gordon at Goodwood, some three years ago. The Queen paid a visit to the town about five years ago.

MR. KIPLING AT THE PALACE.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling called at the Palace last night and stayed some time in conversation with Household officials.

The Queen yesterday visited the galleries of Messrs. Litchfield and Company, Bruton street, London, W., and for an hour inspected the antique furniture.

SIR ARTHUR DU CROS.

Sir Arthur du Cros, who was born in Dublin, is well known in motoring circles, and as a young man was a leading racing cyclist. He is President of the Dunlop Rubber Company, Chairman of the Parent Trust and Finance Company, Limited, and Foundling Estates, Limited, and a director of Covent Garden Properties Company, Limited. He represented Hastings in Parliament as a Unionist from 1906 to 1910, and the Clapham Division of Wandsworth from 1918 until 1922. Sir Arthur received a Baronetcy in 1916. He is 57.

COINAGE CRUX.

DISCUSSED BY FREE STATE CABINET.

WIGG-COCHRANE RUMOURS.

FROM OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

Yesterday, to a meeting of the Free State Cabinet that lasted more than two hours, Mr. Blythe, the Minister of Finance, gave a detailed account of his conference with the British Treasury officials on the coinage crux.

The difficulty, it is stated, has not yet been satisfactorily overcome, but a settlement on the lines which I indicated yesterday is said to be in process of negotiation.

It is still persistently rumoured that the final settlement will prove to be not unconnected with the eventual conclusion of the now famous Wigg-Cochrane case.

BIG TOBACCO PROFITS.

ANOTHER FREE SHARE BONUS.

The Imperial Tobacco Company yesterday declared the final dividend for the year ending October 31st, 1927, as follows:—

11 per cent. and a bonus of 1/6 per share (together 3/8 2-5 per share), both free of tax (making 26 per cent.); £500,000 to reserve, £250,000 to pensions, and £1,169,000 forward.

The dividend last year was 10 per cent. and 1/6 bonus, the same allocations to reserve and pensions, and £959,000 forward.

The company has further transferred £4,000,000 from leaf fluctuating account and other provisions, which, in their opinion, is not required for such purposes, making the amount at credit of general reserve £11,500,000. Out of this total they recommend to capitalisation of approximately £7,500,000 to be distributed to holders of Ordinary shares by way of bonus in fully-paid Ordinary shares in the ratio of one new share for every four existing shares held.

The new shares will not rank for the dividend now recommended.

Last year the final dividend was 10 per cent. and a bonus of 1/6 per share, tax free, making 25 per cent.

The previous capital bonus was issued in 1923 with the interim dividend, and consisted of one share for every three held. This increased the Ordinary capital from 22,472,658 to 29,951,697, and the present capital bonus will raise the Ordinary capital to 37,439,621 shares. The Ordinary dividend was increased in 1924 and subsequent years, as the net profits rose by nearly two millions.

The company has at present a capital of £42,809,697, and after the present bonus share issue has been made it will stand at more than £50,000,000. Its assets at the date of the last balance sheet totalled £77,642,934.

300 PER CENT. INCREASE IN 10 YEARS.

Net profits have actually more than doubled in the ten-year period, and the cash dividend to be paid on the Ordinary capital on this present occasion is over three times greater than ten years ago.

DEATH OF MR. R. C. LEHMANN.

A NOTED OARSMAN AND HUMORIST.

Mr. Rudolph Chambers Lehmann, one of the most famous rowing coaches of prewar days, died after a long illness at his residence, Fieldhead, Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, yesterday. Mr. Lehmann was in his seventy-fourth year. A man of versatile gifts, he entered many fields of interest and excelled in all.

Lehmann was known as an oarsman of conspicuous ability. He competed at the Henley Royal Regatta during the nine years from 1879 to 1888. He coached many famous Leander crews; he captained the Leander Club in 1894 and 1895, and he wrote more than one first-rate text book upon rowing.

All this, however, revealed but one aspect of the man. From Highgate School he passed to Trinity College, Cambridge, and in 1876 was President of the Union. Called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in 1880, within seven years he was part author of Dale and Lehmann's "Digest of Overruled Cases."

In the meantime he had won distinction as a journalist, and had contested several parliamentary elections. From 1893 to 1901 he was Honorary Secretary of the Amateur Rowing Association. The latter year found him editing the *Daily News*. Already, however, he had written brilliantly in *Punch*. His connection with that journal began in 1890, and till 1919 he maintained it. Humorous contributions to *Punch* were varied by incursions into politics. He sat as Liberal member for the Harborough Division of Leicester (1906-1911), and his contributions to debate, if few, were savoured with the salt of humour. Even when editing the *Daily News* he filled the office of High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire.

The record of his published writings indicates his versatility. They include: "Harry Fludyer at Cambridge" (1890), "In Cambridge Courts" (1891), "The Billsbury Election" (1892), "Mr. Punch's Prize Novels" (1893), "Conversational Hints to Young Shooters" (1894), Isthmian Library "Rowing" (1897), "Anni Fugaces" (1901), "Adventures of Picklock Holes" (1901), "Crumbs of Pity" (1903), "The Sun Child" (1904), "The Complete Oarsman" (1908), "Memories of Half a Century" (1908), "Light and Shade" (1909), "Charles Dickens as Editor" (1910), "Sportsmen and Others" (1912), "A Spark Divine" (1913), and "The Vagabond."

Mr. Lehmann was born in Sheffield, the eldest son of the late Frederick Lehmann and Nina, eldest daughter of the late Robert Chambers, of Edinburgh. He married Alice Marie, daughter of the late Harrison Davis, U.S.A., and had one son and three daughters.

A MAN OF MANY FRIENDS.

The Times says:—"Rudie Lehmann was a man of many talents, many interests in life, and, above all, very many friends. A humorist, journalist, oarsman and rowing coach, man of letters, barrister, and politician, he was continually adding to their number—and all of them—especially those whom he first knew and helped in their early manhood—will look back with affectionate gratitude to his ever-ready sympathy and kindly encouragement. Rudolph Chambers Lehmann was born on January 3, 1856, the eldest son of Frederick Lehmann, a London merchant, a nephew of Rudolph Lehmann, the painter, and a cousin of Liza Lehmann, the composer. Both at school and college he had a distinguished career. At Cambridge he was President of the Union and Captain of the first Trinity Boat Club, and rowed for two years in the Trial Eights, besides winning three University medals for boxing. In 1879 he rowed in the University Eight up to the eve of its departure for Putney, but just failed to secure his Blue. This disappointment was, however, to a large extent wiped out by the prominent position which he afterwards won in the rowing world.

THREE "S.O.S." CALLS.

LINERS DASH TO RESCUE.

ATLANTIC GALE.

BRITISH STEAMER MISSING.

Wireless cables for help were received yesterday from two ships of the American coast:

THE FLORIDA, an Italian steamer of 3,503 tons, registered at Genoa, bound from Pensacola for Naples, with a crew of 31 and a cargo of lumber;

and

THE DANNEDAIKE, an American freighter, bound from Beaumont, Texas, for Ghent, with a crew of 35.

The British ss. Teesbridge, which asked for immediate assistance on Monday off Cape Race, is missing. A Lloyd's message from Valencia Wireless Station last night stated that the steamer Maine had abandoned the search, and the steamer Comino up to 8 o'clock had found no trace of the Teesbridge.

TWO SHIPS IN DISTRESS.

LINERS RUSH TO THE RESCUE.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday.

A wireless call for help from the Italian steamer Florida, bound from Pensacola for Naples, was picked up shortly before noon. The vessel, which gave her position as about 800 miles east of Cape Hatteras, said that her rudder was damaged.

Shortly afterwards the American freighter Dannedaike reported that she was in need of assistance.

Both the Italian and the American vessels are apparently in the same vicinity.

The United States liner America and the Dollar liner President Harrison are rushing to the aid of the disabled steamers.

SINKING.

At 4.30 p.m. the wireless operators at Hampton roads naval station heard faint S.O.S. calls from the freighter Danne daike. The steamer said that she was in a sinking condition and in need of immediate assistance.

The Florida, with a crew of thirty-one, left Pensacola on January 10th with a cargo of lumber. The Dannedaike left Beaumont, Texas, on January 10th, for Ghent. She had a crew of thirty-five on board.

SEVERE STORMS.

The Weather Bureau says that severe storms are raging at present in the western half of the Atlantic and that probably high seas are running.

The America is commanded by Captain George Fried, the hero of the famous rescue of the crew of the British s.s. Antinoe some years ago.

TWENTY MOTOR CARS IN COLLISION.

REMARKABLE SCENE ON ICEBOUND HILL.

An extraordinary scene occurred on the main Northampton-Wellingborough road, near Earls Barton, yesterday, when the frozen road surface caused twenty motor vehicles to collide on a hill.

A small car collided with a lorry, another car went through the hedge, down an embankment, and car after car bumped into the vehicle in front as they attempted to stop.

Another car then went through the hedge higher up, but was undamaged and was driven out of the field.

The cars remained in a helpless mass for an hour and a-half before the thaw made it safe for them to move.

On the Watling street, near Towcester, long queues of cars were held up, and several minor accidents, involving slight personal injuries, occurred.

THE BLUE RIBAND OF THE ATLANTIC.

SHIPYARD STRIFE DELAYS GERMAN CHALLENGE.

The trouble among shipyard workers in German yards has interfered with that country's challenge for the blue riband of the Atlantic, now held by the Cunarder, Mauretania.

The North German Lloyd Line intended to put two new ships, the Bremen and the Europa, on the cross-Atlantic service in April, but the new schedules, covering sailings from Southampton until the end of the summer season, do not include the names of these 46,000 ton vessels, each of which is to have a speed of 27 knots.

In consequence of the company's enforced change of plans, the intention to omit Plymouth as a port of call on the homeward voyages, and to concentrate inward and outward sailings for British passenger traffic at Southampton has been cancelled, and the North German Lloyd ships, with two exceptions, will continue to call at Plymouth when homeward bound.

THE LONDONDERRY BY-ELECTION.

DATE OF POLLING FIXED.

The writ for the Londonderry by-election arrived yesterday. Tuesday, 29th January, has been fixed for the nominations and February 7th for the polling. The official Conservative candidate will be Major Ronald Ross, M.C. There is no indication, so far, of any opposition.

At the general election the figures were:—

Sir Malcolm Macnaghten (Con.)	30,875
C. MacWhiney (Republican)...	5,869
W. H. Galt (Ind. U.)	517

Major Ronald Ross, M.C., son of Sir John Ross, Bart., Ireland's last Lord Chancellor, is the official Unionist candidate, and so far there is no other candidate in the field.

While it would be unsafe to predict that there will be no opposition, it is believed that Major Ross's return is foregone.

ENGLISH BIRTH-RATE HIGHER.

INFANT MORTALITY FALLING.

Provisional figures issued from the General Register Office, Somerset House, London, show that the birth rate in 1928 in England and Wales was 16.7 per thousand, and was 0.1 above that of 1927. The death rate of 11.7 per thousand was 0.6 below 1927, and only 0.1 per thousand above the lowest recorded in 1923 and 1926.

The infant mortality rate in England and Wales was the lowest on record, the figure of 65 per thousand being four below that of 1923.

The total number of persons on the registers of Employment Exchanges in Great Britain on January 14 was 1,435,000. This was 17,619 less than the week before, but 241,187 more than a year ago.

CHANNEL TUNNEL SCHEME.

A COMPREHENSIVE RE-EXAMINATION.

PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT.

Mr. Baldwin made an important statement on the subject of the Channel tunnel in the House of Commons yesterday.

In reply to a question put by Mr. Thurtle (Labour, Shoreditch), he said:—In view of the wide public interest in the Channel tunnel project, the Government has come to the conclusion that the time is ripe for a comprehensive re-examination of the question. (Cheers.) We are anxious that a thorough examination should be made of the economic aspects of the matter, in order that these may be weighed with Imperial defence considerations, and a decision reached on broad grounds of national policy.

In view of the time that would be required to carry the project through all its stages to the completion of the tunnel, we are convinced that it would be in the public interest, if possible, to deal with these important questions outside of party atmosphere, and by agreement, so that the decision of the Government may not be upset by another. If the course adopted by Mr. Macdonald in 1924 should again commend itself to him and to Mr. Lloyd George, I should like to proceed on similar lines and to obtain their co-operation from the outset of the inquiry. In these circumstances, and more especially in view of the pressure of Parliamentary time, I am not prepared to give time for discussion of a motion on the subject.

Mr. Thurtle—Is the Prime Minister's proposal that the matter should once again be referred to the consideration of the Committee of Imperial Defence?

Mr. Baldwin—I have given no details as to the form in which the examination will take place, but it is perfectly obvious that, on the defensive side, as opposed to the economic side, the Committee of Imperial Defence must be considered.

Sir Robert Horne (Conservative, Hillhead)—In what way would the Prime Minister propose to solve the economic problem, and to whom would reference be made for that discussion?

Mr. Baldwin—That is exactly a point I have to consider. I think the economic side of it is of the greatest importance, and the side which certainly for some years past has not been investigated. I must consider what would be the best form of investigation possible, after consultation with the right hon. gentlemen whose names I have mentioned, to get the evidence which would be required.

GENERAL APPROVAL.

The Press Association's Lobby Correspondent writes:—Sir William Bull, M.P., Chairman of the Channel Tunnel Committee, made the following comment on the Prime Minister's statement in the House of Commons:—

"It is a favourable reply, and I think it goes as far as we could expect. I am quite satisfied with it. I take it to mean that the Government is going to put the question beyond the range of party politics—of course it is not a party question—and that the Prime Minister will consult Mr. Ramsay Macdonald and Mr. Lloyd George, both of whom, I think, are in favour of the project. Presumably they will discuss the best means of ascertaining whether it is practicable or not."

Over two hundred members of the Lords and Commons are expected to attend a meeting of the Channel Tunnel Parliamentary Committee, to be held in a Committee room of the House of Commons at 4.30 p.m. to-day.

Sir William Bull is to address members of the National Liberal Club on the Channel tunnel proposal at the Club's fortnightly luncheon on February 27th.

Mr. Baldwin's proposal to consult the leaders of the other parties as to the form of the new investigation was generally welcomed in all political quarters. The matter will be discussed at a meeting of the Labour Parliamentary Party to-day. Most of the Labour members are in favour of the scheme. It is known that when the Labour Government examined the Channel tunnel question in 1924, Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, then Prime Minister, was very anxious to have an inquiry into the economic, as well as the military, effects of the proposal. When, however, the Committee of Imperial Defence gave an adverse decision, the Channel Tunnel Committee did not desire an inquiry to be carried any further at that time, and accordingly the economic aspect of the question was not investigated.

FRENCH COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Tuesday.

Simultaneously with Mr. Baldwin's statement in the House of Commons regarding the Channel tunnel, the French Channel Tunnel Committee held a special meeting to celebrate the occasion. It issued a statement afterwards welcoming "the quasi-unanimity of the British Press in favour of the tunnel," and characterising the eventual authorisation of the tunnel by the British Government as "the most precious instrument of Franco-British *rapprochement*, and a definite guarantee of European peace."

The Committee sent a cordial message of good-will to Sir William Bull, the protagonist of the project.

NER-SAG'S ACTION.

BANKRUPTCY MOTION AGAINST MR. BRANDRETH.

The following notice was published in last night's issue of the *London Gazette*:

"In the High Court of Justice—In Bankruptcy—In the matter of a bankruptcy petition filed on the 21st day of January, 1929.

"To Charles Albert Brandreth, lately of Valley Hotel, Caterham, in the County of Surrey, company director, but whose present residence or place of business the petitioning creditors are unable to ascertain.

"Take notice that a bankruptcy petition has been presented against you to this Court by Ner-Sag, Limited, of Paris House, Oxford Circus, in the County of London, and the Court has ordered that the publication of this notice in the *London Gazette* and in the *Daily Telegraph* newspaper shall be deemed to be service of the petition upon you.

"And further take notice that the said petition will be heard at this Court on the 5th day of February, 1929, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, on which day you are required to appear, and if you do not appear the Court may make a receiving order against you in your absence. The petition can be inspected by you on application at this Court.

"Dated 21st day of January, 1929.

"FRANK MELLER, Registrar."

Mr. Brandreth is a director and former Chairman of Ner-Sag, Limited. A special meeting of the shareholders has been summoned at the Cannon Street Hotel to-morrow.

FOG STOPS FLIGHTS.

FIRST BLANK DAY FOR TWO YEARS.

For the first time for two years there was a total suspension of flying on the London-Continental routes yesterday. Dense fog shrouded the whole of the London-Continental airways from London to Paris, Brussels, Cologne and Amsterdam, and all the services of Handley-Page-Napier and Silver Wing air liners were suspended.

A thick curtain of fog, which at six o'clock last evening showed no sign of lifting, made entry into Le Havre Harbour dangerous. The British steamer Normania, from Southampton, was held up outside for twelve hours.

COLLISION IN A SNOWSTORM.

TRAIN WRECKS 'BUS.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

BELLEVUE, OHIO, Tuesday.

Eighteen persons were killed and eight seriously injured as the result of a collision, during a blinding snowstorm, between a suburban electric train and a Pittsburgh-Chicago motor 'bus two miles east of here this afternoon. Among the dead are four women.

Some of the bodies are so badly mangled that identification is impossible. None of the passengers in the train, which crashed into the 'bus, apparently suffered injuries.

Great difficulty was experienced in extricating the bodies from underneath the 'bus in a ditch, and two hours after the crash the city ambulances were still making trips to the scene.

LATE NEWS.

MOSCOW'S STORIES OF KABUL.

CLAMOUR FOR RETURN OF AMANULLAH.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.

RIGA, Tuesday.

It was announced in Moscow to-day that the Soviet representatives in Kabul have arranged for the conveyance of mails for Europe in Soviet aeroplanes from Kabul *via* Tashkent.

This action has been taken, the Moscow statement adds, because the British refused to convey them in aeroplanes going to India, thereby arousing the indignation of the European colony in the Afghan capital.

The Soviet statement goes on to allege that the British have taken charge of Kabul, "just as if they were at home," and that the inhabitants have begun to clamour for the return of King Amanullah.

THE KING'S ILLNESS.

TREATMENT BY SEA AIR.

The Times observes, in a leading article:—The statement made yesterday by the King's doctors, that the time is approaching when His Majesty's removal to sea air will be advantageous, will be received by the nation with feelings of profound thankfulness. Another stage of the battle which the King has so long sustained with his illness is now in sight, and the hope and confidence which have existed since the beginning of the present year find a new justification. It must be realised, however, that His Majesty's forthcoming removal to Bognor does not, in any sense, mark the beginning of convalescence. During the course of this very grave illness various widely different treatments have been used, and the treatment by sea air, which is about to be adopted, belongs as strictly to this series of therapeutic measures as does, for example, the treatment by ultra-violet radiation.

The King's appetite has improved, and he is now taking solid food. His general strength, too, shows improvement, but there is not as yet any appreciable increase in weight. The last fact reveals to the instructed mind how difficult is the task which still faces His Majesty's medical advisers. The full confidence of the nation is given to these doctors. It is no exaggeration to say that their conduct of the King's illness has from the beginning inspired a lively trust. Trust has deepened as each succeeding phase of the disease has been met by appropriate remedy, or even forestalled by measures based on the most recent achievements of the science of medicine. The King's illness, indeed, is memorable already as the most conspicuous illustration which has been afforded to the world of the value and necessity of teamwork in medical practice.

Bacteriology, radiology, bio-chemistry and physiology, as well as medicine and surgery, have been laid under contribution, not as isolated branches of science, but as members of the same tree of knowledge. A further branch is the science of climatology, which is now to play its part. This science, at once so old and so young, has determined the selection of the neighbourhood of Bognor, on the Sussex coast, as the most favourable place in which to obtain the sea air, of which the King now stands in need. Bognor is close to the sea, has a southern exposure, and is protected from cold wind. It enjoys the additional advantage of being within reasonably easy access of London. In this place His Majesty's doctors hope that the final phases of illness leading to convalescence will be passed. That hope will be shared by the whole nation.

DEATH OF AN AFRICAN "WIZARD."

DISTURBING INFLUENCE AMONG TRIBESMEN.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Tuesday.

The death of a witch doctor, who was acting as a disturbing influence among the tribesmen in the Haute Sangha district and the vicinity, is reported in a telegram from Brazzaville (French Equatorial Africa) received here by the Minister for the Colonies.

Since the death of this African wizard the tribesmen have become more tranquil. It is stated in the despatch that the manners and primitive mentality of the tribesmen, combined with the fact that French authority in the country is only represented by a few officials, was responsible for such incidents as have been reported in the Press.

It is probable that these incidents, exaggerated and distorted by passengers who recently landed at Antwerp, may have led to the rumour that a revolt had broken out in French Equatorial Africa.

A report which was recently received by the Colonial Department from the Governor-General made no allusion to any Europeans having been killed or made prisoners by the natives.

AEROPLANES ON THE INSTALMENT PLAN.

AMERICA'S LATEST CREDIT SCHEME.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

Fur coats, motor cars and pianos on the instalment plan have been a commonplace feature of American domestic life for many years past, but hitherto it has been impossible to buy aeroplanes on this system.

This defect, however, will be remedied by the organisation of a five million dollar company to finance sales of all classes of aeroplanes on the instalment plan.

The Curtiss-Aero and the Wright-Aero and the Commercial Credit Company will be interested in the new company.

MARSHAL FOCH'S ILLNESS.

PERMITTED TO LEAVE HIS BED.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Tuesday.

Marshal Foch, whose health is improving, was to-day permitted to leave his bed for an hour in the afternoon. He employed the time in reading the newspapers. In obedience to the orders of his doctors, Marshal Foch has not received any visitors.

M. Poincaré, the Premier, is reported to have expressed the desire to be the first visitor permitted to see the illustrious soldier. No bulletin regarding the Marshal's health was published this evening, and none will be issued to-morrow.

LATEST FRENCH SCANDAL.

80,000,000 FRANCS LOSS TO STATE.

DIRECTOR OF SUGAR FIRM ARRESTED.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Tuesday.

A fresh financial sensation, in which the State is the victim, has just been revealed here.

A search was made to-day at the offices of the Franco-Moroccan Company for Navigation and Commerce, as well as at the private residence of M. Pollier, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the *Société Fermière de Sucrerie*. Simultaneously, a search was made at the company's offices to find out information as to its relations with sugar concerns in England. As the result of the inquiries M. Pollier has been arrested, and will be charged with fraud to the prejudice of the State.

The investigations were made for the purpose of finding out who had the sugar, and what became of the money paid for it. According to one of the newspapers, it was sold to English merchants.

MINISTRY FILES TWO CHARGES.

Doubtless it will be only little by little that full details of the new scandal will come to light, but it is already clear that the plaintiff is the State.

The Ministry of Finance has filed two charges, the first of which is against the *Société Fermière de Sucrerie*, with which a contract was signed on September 7th, 1927, concerning nine thousand tons of sugar on account of reparations, representing a sum of twenty million francs. The State should have been paid last July, but payment was not forthcoming, and the *Société Fermière* was consequently pronounced bankrupt on October 9th.

The second charge is against the *Compagnie Franco-Marocaine de Navigation et de Commerce*, with which a contract was signed in January, 1928, concerning thirty thousand tons of sugar on account of reparations, representing sixty million francs, the first instalment of thirty-two millions being due on January 24th. Inquiry showed that the company was insolvent. The State thus loses eighty millions.

"REPARATIONS IN KIND."

It may be recalled that the manner in which reparations in kind are delivered is as follows:—The French Government grants French importers contracts for the purchase of goods in Germany.

After the contract is approved by the Reparations Commission, the French Government hands the buyer commercial bills drawn on the Agent-General for payments.

The buyer then endorses them with the name of the German tradesman who sells him the goods. The German obtains payment from the Agent-General, who claims from the German Government.

The French Government is paid only when the buyer has sold the goods, a margin of from two to ten per cent. being granted to the buyer as profit.

MORE WARRANTS ISSUED.

Warrants have been issued for the arrest of a French director of a sugar company, a Belgian who is at present in Belgium and a Russian residing in England, though it has not yet been possible to serve the warrants in the case of the two latter individuals.

This afternoon M. Pollier was brought before M. Audibert, examining magistrate, who informed him of the charges against him.

In answer to questions, M. Pollier stated that he was born at Rabastens, Tarn, in 1877. He had been Professor of Law at Lille, but resigned three years ago to become company manager.

He was remanded in custody.

"GAZETTE DU FRANC" AFFAIR.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Tuesday.

A search was made to-day at the home and business premises of M. Pacquement, the financier arrested in Switzerland on charges connected with the *Gazette du Franc* scandal.

Various papers were seized, from which the inference has been drawn that M. Pacquement had so arranged matters as to be able to claim Swiss or French nationality, in accordance with his interests at the moment.

FLYING AT 360 MILES PER HOUR.

BRITISH ENTRANTS FOR SCHNEIDER CUP RACE.

Squadron-Leader A. H. Orlebar, Army Flying Corps, has been posted to Felixstowe to command the high-speed flight which is now training to defend the Schneider Trophy. He is an officer who has had a vast flying experience, and for some considerable time has been on the personal staff of Sir Hugh Trenchard, Marshal of the Royal Air Force.

The three Air Force planes which are already at Felixstowe carrying out practice flights, are the seaplanes which were built for the 1927 race. In spite of bad weather they have been flying regularly at speeds of over 250 miles an hour.

It is understood that in the early spring the entire section will transfer to Calshot, where the actual 360 miles per hour machines which are being built for this year's race will be tested.

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE CARRIED.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Tuesday.

The debate in the Chamber on the economic and social policy of the Government has lasted for three sittings, but it has been purely of an academic character.

After the Minister of Labour had replied to his critics, a vote of confidence in the Government was carried by 327 votes to 262.

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VERY BAD COUNTY HOSPITALS.

OLD WORKHOUSES STILL IN USE.

SOME EXCELLENT INSTITUTIONS.

"There are many hospitals throughout the country which, from the point of view of up-to-date surgery, are far from what they should be," said Dr. T. Hennessy, T.D., Secretary of the Irish Branch of the British Medical Association, commenting yesterday upon a resolution passed by the Council of the Irish Medical Association.

The resolution referred to the unsatisfactory conditions under which the surgeons of many county hospitals are expected to do their surgical work, and asked that immediate attention should be paid to the matter.

"Many of the county hospitals are very bad and unfitted for the performance of important operations," said Dr. Hennessy, "and the equipment is often not up-to-date.

TRIBUTE TO HEALTH BOARDS.

"It must be acknowledged, however, that a number of county hospitals are excellent in every respect, and great credit is due to the Health Boards who have spent the money to make the hospitals efficient and up-to-date. But there are other hospitals which, from a surgical point of view, are far behind the times.

"It is only right to say," added Dr. Hennessy, "that the Department of Local Government is continually urging the improvement of county hospitals, and the Department has invariably sanctioned the expenditure of local funds for this purpose. In fact, the Department encourages expenditure of this kind.

SYMPATHETIC MINISTRY.

"The trouble is that the old workhouses are still used as hospitals, and in these the water supply and the sanitation is not always good. There are excellent hospitals, equipped in the modern way, at Castlebar, Navan, Wexford, Croom, County Limerick, and at Cork and elsewhere in the country, and the aim should be to raise the other hospitals to their standard of usefulness.

"The problem rests largely with the Health Boards, whose proposals for hospital improvement are always sympathetically and practically considered by the Local Government Department."

AIR FORCE SEARCH IN DESERT.

SEQUEL TO MURDER OF MISSIONER.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

BASRAH, Tuesday.

Royal Air Force machines and also armoured cars were out in force to-day scouring the desert around the Iraq-Koweit frontier for the raiders who ambushed Mr. Crane, the former American Ambassador to China, and his companions. Up to three o'clock this afternoon nothing had been seen.

It is too early for political developments, but well-informed circles believe that, even if Great Britain is not led to take firmer measures in relation to the deadlock with Ibn Saud, the Wahabi King himself will take drastic steps against the bellicose tribesmen.

It is pointed out that when Mr. Crane visited Jeddah in 1926, Ibn Saud gave him Royal apartments, and sent his son, Feisal, to welcome and entertain him, and also telegraphed greetings daily.

The Rev. Mr. Bilkert was buried to-day in the civil cemetery outside the Great War cemetery.

Mr. Crane has now given a further account of the affair.

He says that when they left Zubeir, a trading town twelve miles from Basrah, on the edge of the desert, they saw some Iraqi tribesmen making excitedly for Zubeir with camels and flocks.

News travels quickly in the desert, and the tribesmen had, no doubt, heard of the approach of raiders.

"We, however," continued Mr. Crane, "were not warned at Zubeir, so we naturally thought the danger was not immediate, and determined to proceed. When about fifty miles south of Zubeir shots rang out, fired at a distance of about two hundred yards. The drivers of the two cars, with great presence of mind, swerved round and put on full speed, but the shots were whistling about us, and Mr. Bilkert was hit in the shoulder, the bullet probably affecting his spine."

DUXFORD AEROPLANE ACCIDENT.

INQUEST ON FLYING OFFICER.

The Duxford aeroplane crash on Sunday last was described at the inquest at Duxford, near Cambridge, last night, on Flying Officer Edward Gordon Cayley (23), of the 19th Fighter Squadron, Duxford. Cayley was killed while flying in a privately-owned aeroplane, the property of Mr. Philip Wills, of London. Mr. Wills lies in hospital at Cambridge with serious head injuries, and the doctor stated that he would not be well enough to give evidence for, perhaps, six weeks. The inquest was, therefore, adjourned for eight weeks.

Flying Officer Bayes said that on Sunday morning Wills suggested that Cayley should go up with him in his Moth machine to give him more instruction. When returning, the behaviour of the machine became very erratic.

Aircraftsman William Whitehead said that when the machine crashed he extricated Cayley, who was conscious. Cayley said: "He is a bad pilot," referring to Mr. Wills, who, he said, controlled the machine.

Flying Officer Downing, Station Adjutant, said that Cayley was Orderly Officer for the day. He had no permission to go up in the machine.

CANADIAN WHEAT.

FARMERS' COMPLAINTS OF DE-GRADING.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, Tuesday.

Before the Royal Commission here complaints of Western farmers in regard to grain marketing and alleged de-grading of Canadian wheat when marketed to England by way of the United States were voiced to-day by Mr. McRae, the manager of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, who said that British millers were now paying a grade higher for Canadian wheat shipped overseas through United States ports than for similar grades shipped by way of Canadian ports, although the reverse was the case five years ago.

He said that the explanation was that the mixing and de-grading of Canadian wheat had ceased by way of the United States export in bond, but that mixing had become widespread when exported through the Canadian ports. The consequence was that the minimum grades were invariably given by British millers on wheat received from Canada from exporting Canadian firms which permitted mixing.

DR. ADOLPH BRODSKY.

The Times announces the death, in Manchester yesterday, of Dr. Adolph Brodsky, Mus.Doc., Principal of the Royal Manchester College of Music, at the age of 77. While head professor at the Leipzig Conservatoire—1883-91—he formed his famous Brodsky Quartet.

Old Jewellery Wanted.

Big price paid for Chains, Watches, Lockets, Rings, Bracelets, Brooches, False Teeth, Diamonds, Emeralds, [illegible] ... Bring or Post.

THE KERN LIBRARY SALE.

BIG PRICE FOR POPE MANUSCRIPTS.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

The American book world continues to observe with feelings of astonishment the prices which are being obtained in the sale of the library of Mr. Jerome Kern. At this afternoon's session the remarkable total of $162,167 (£32,433) was recorded, which makes a grand total of $1,317,032 (£263,406) since the sale started.

Thirty Pope items fetched $42,627.

The three highest prices this afternoon were paid by Dr. Rosenbach, who bought an autographed manuscript of Pope's "Essay on Man" for $29,000 (£5,800); Edgar Allan Poe's letter, quoting Elizabeth Barrett Browning's opinion of "The Raven," for $19,500 (£3,900), and a 1664 issue of Shakespeare's plays for $1,550 (£310).

A 1663 issue of Shakespeare's plays, including seven formerly ascribed to him, fetched $8,000 (£1,600), and a first edition of his poems, dated 1640, $8,500 (£1,700).

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

DE-RATING BILL.

AGRICULTURAL LANDS AND BUILDINGS.

FROM OUR PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT.

WESTMINSTER, Tuesday.

The House of Commons was fairly well filled this afternoon, when the last sittings of the present Parliament began. The first business was the moving of a writ for an election in Battersea to fill the seat vacated by Viscount Curzon.

A little scene occurred when the Minister of Labour showed a disinclination to tell the House the number of persons unemployed at the end of last year. The Socialists demanded that it should be given and the Conservatives objected. An appeal was made to the Speaker, but he thought that the decision must rest with the Minister. At length Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland read the figures, which showed that there were roughly one and a half million unemployed. Mr. Lunn asked whether the Government, in addition to charity, had any scheme for finding work, but the Speaker ruled that the inquiry did not arise out of the original question.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, replying to Colonel Wedgwood, said that, with regard to the evacuation of the Rhineland, there had been no change in the situation since he spoke during the debate on the adjournment in last December. When Colonel Wedgwood referred in another question to the Committee of Control, Sir Austen said that he presumed that he intended to refer to the Commission of Verification and Reconciliation mentioned in the Geneva resolution of September 16 last. The word "control" was not used in the resolution, and would convey an entirely wrong impression. The Geneva resolution stated that the Powers were agreed as to the acceptance of the principle and constitution of the Commission of Verification and Reconciliation, and the objects and duration of the Commission would form the subject of negotiations between the Governments concerned.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.

The House resumed consideration of the English Local Government Bill in Committee, this being the fifth allotted day. Clauses up to No. 53 had been disposed of when the House rose before Christmas.

On Clause 54, which deals with the relief of rates on agricultural land and buildings, Colonel Wedgwood moved an amendment to limit the relief to cultivated or grazed land. He said that thousands of acres of land classed as agricultural were of no use except as a dumping ground for rubbish, old tins and dead cats, but which were becoming ripe for building purposes. As the value of this land was enhanced by the expenditure of local authorities, the owners should certainly not be exempt from the payment of rates.

Mr. Sexton rather surprised some of his colleagues by informing them that he was a landowner. It was not exactly three acres and a cow, but it was a bit of land, and he was not ashamed to own it. It was neither cultivated nor grazed, and was contiguous to land which had gone up in value £2,500 an acre. If someone came along and offered him a price he would take it, and he would certainly not mind paying 4s. in the £ on the enhanced value. He, therefore, supported the amendment.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain's reply to the amendment was that land, unless it was used for agricultural purposes, did not come within the clause.

The amendment was withdrawn.

On Clause 55, which relates to the relief to be given to industrial and freight hereditaments, Mr. E. Brown moved to provide for the apportionment of the relief among the various industries. This, he explained, was one of a series of amendments, and their object was to secure that industries should be classified by the Board of Trade under three groups, and to provide that those paying less than 5 per cent. dividend on capital should have three-quarters relief, those paying between 5 and 10 per cent. half relief, and those paying 10 per cent. one quarter relief.

Sir Kingsley Wood described the amendments as impracticable. He presumed that the plan was framed on the Liberal "Yellow Book," but he doubted whether, even the authors of that famous work, could ascertain the capital and profits of industries generally. Mr. Jack Jones accused Mr. Brown of compounding a felony by moving the amendment under discussion.

A MISSING TELLER.

An unexpected incident arose when the Committee came to divide on the amendment. The tellers in favour were Mr. Fenby and Major Owen, but when the time came to announce the figures Major Owen was missing. The three other tellers, Sir G. Hennessey, Captain Wallace and Mr. Fenby, duly presented themselves at the Table, and it was left to Sir G. Hennessey to explain that no Opposition teller had entered the "No" Lobby, and the doors were not opened.

Mr. Hope, Chairman of Committees, in these circumstances, put the amendment again to the House, and this time it was negatived without a division.

Mr. J. H. Briggs raised a topic of more general interest in his proposal to exclude distilleries, breweries and tobacco factories from the benefits of rating relief. These businesses were not, in his opinion, vital to the life of the country, and in any case they were sufficiently prosperous and beyond the need of relief. He suggested that the money saved by excluding these three trades should be devoted to maternity and welfare services. Lady Astor shouted "Hear, hear," and was met with loud cries of "Order." The reason for this was apparent when it was seen that she was standing behind the bar, and, therefore, technically outside the House.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain vetoed the amendment as being dictated not by principle, but by prejudice. He saw no reason for excluding any industry simply because it was prosperous.

Lady Astor, who spoke this time from her usual place in the House, regretted that the Government would not agree to the amendment. It was, no doubt, a Cabinet decision, but she knew of some very bad Cabinet decisions, and in this particular case there was no reason to suppose that acceptance of the amendment would wreck the Bill. Refusal to do so would do the Conservative Party a great deal of harm in the country.

The amendment on a division was rejected by 219 votes to 135.

Rapid progress was made with the other clauses, up to Number 68, when progress was reported, and the House rose at 10.25.

SUICIDE OF A RUSSIAN OFFICER.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Tuesday.

The body of a man found on the railway near Versailles yesterday has been identified as that of a Russian refugee, formerly a high officer in the Russian Navy, whose name is given as Alexander Aytmonoff, and who was employed at a motor car works. [illegible] of suicide.

IN A PORTUGUESE PRISON.

BRITISH SEAMAN'S EXPERIENCE.

TEN MONTHS WITHOUT TRIAL.

With a sextant and a banjo bag for luggage, Second Officer Brewer, of the steamer Clan Lamont, reached Southampton yesterday on the White Star liner Themistocles, after twelve months' experience of a Portuguese prison and hospital at Benguella.

Mr. Brewer was met by Captain Coombs, of the Navigators' Insurance Company, who took a prominent part in representing his case to the British authorities. Accompanied by Captain Coombs, Mr. Brewer proceeded straight to London to consult his solicitors as to the advisability of lodging a claim for compensation forthwith through the Foreign Office.

Discussing his experience, Mr. Brewer, who is a Plymouth man, an ex-cadet of H.M.S. Conway, and the youngest second officer in the Clan Line by about seven years, vigorously protested his innocence of the charge brought against him. His principal complaint was that for ten months he had remained under arrest without trial, and that sentence had been passed upon him on the most unsatisfactory evidence. "Indeed," he added, "the principal witness for the prosecution was never produced at the trial."

LEARNED PORTUGUESE IN JAIL.

His first appearance before the judge at Benguella was prejudiced by unsatisfactory interpretation of questions, leading to the brusque postponement of the case. When the hearing was resumed, ten months later, Mr. Brewer had in the meantime learned Portuguese, and the whole of the proceedings, lasting from 2.30 in the afternoon to 9.45 at night, were conducted in that language, Mr. Brewer being able to carry on without difficulty.

He said that the trial had been very favourable to him throughout until the summing up, and the verdict came as a shock.

In prison he had spent the first three days absolutely without food, while the sanitary arrangements were of the most primitive character. His cell was a small room ten feet square, with no windows, but with four doors, all of which were kept closed. His bed consisted of a frame with four hoop-irons for mattress, and a bundle of straw, which resulted in much undesirable bed company.

THREE DAYS WITHOUT FOOD.

After three days without food Mr. Brewer was able to obtain sustenance from a local hotel through the good offices of the British Consul, of whose efforts throughout he spoke in the highest terms.

This state of affairs continued for three weeks, after which he was removed to hospital, and remained there during the rest of his imprisonment, having during that time the use of his gear and comforts supplied him by order of his employers of the Clan Line.

One memento of his unpleasant experience is malaria, which attacked him throughout his stay in Benguella and on the voyage home. Up till then he said he had never known a day's illness.

BLUEJACKETS PLAN RESCUE.

Towards the end of his stay at Benguella a party of British bluejackets landed to play a local football team, and, hearing of Mr. Brewer's plight, became very incensed, and even discussed the question of effecting his rescue. Fortunately, however, better counsels prevailed, and Mr. Brewer himself, unwilling to prejudice his position, used his influence to prevent such a proceeding.

During his imprisonment he spent much time reading, and in that connection spoke warmly of the courtesies of the Eastern Cable officials. The absence of exercise, however, and his bouts of malaria reduced him to a skeleton, and at the end of his long incarceration he was so weak that he was unable to walk.

He also spoke in glowing terms of the assistance given him by the Press and public in Cape Town.

Mr. Brewer was arrested on December 18th, 1927, and charged with the theft of goods to the value of £1 sterling. He was sentenced to 360 days' imprisonment, a fine of £18, plus costs, and an additional 90 days as the alternative to paying the fine.

HOW HE WAS ARRESTED.

Referring to his trial Mr. Brewer said: "The only evidence of a material nature which they could bring against me was that of certain people who said that they recognised certain articles produced in court as having belonged to the Postmaster. The native who was supposed to have seen me break into the house was never found. I was convicted purely on circumstantial evidence."

Speaking of the circumstances of his arrest, Mr. Brewer said that he had been to Benguella, and was returning to his ship in the evening. "I was no more than thirty yards from the ship when some natives set on me for no reason that I could comprehend, and I put up a fight. A policeman came along, accompanied by the Postmaster, who hit me in the face and ran away with my coat. When I reached the police office, to which the Postmaster had gone, I found my coat laid out on the table, with certain personal articles which had been removed from it, while there were other articles, including those which it was alleged I had stolen from the Post Office. I had never been in the Post Office in my life."

ENGLISH GOLD SHIPMENT TO AMERICA.

AQUITANIA CARRYING HALF A MILLION STERLING.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

The first gold movement from London to New York since November 13th is announced to-day. The New York banking house of Speyer and Co. will receive half a million sterling in gold bars, which are coming in the Aquitania, sailing from Southampton to-morrow.

The shipment is apparently the result of the decline in sterling making gold transfers profitable.

By raising its own rate the Bank of England might, of course, prevent an efflux of gold, but Wall street understands that its directors hope to avoid an increase in the Bank rate in consequence of the recent market improvement in the metallic reserves. However, the Bank of England is not likely to object to a flow of gold to New York as long as the movement does not exceed the amount of gold from the Transvaal offered in the open market in London.

EFFECT ON NEW YORK MARKETS.

The resumption of the movement of gold from Great Britain was celebrated by the "bulls" with a violent bidding up of high-priced issues on the Stock market to-day. The session was one of the busiest of the new year, the total sales crossing the five million share mark for the first time since January 4th.

While the bankers point out that it is too early to predict whether the gold will come to New York in sufficient volume to relieve the credit stringency, the movement is hailed, at all events by the "bulls," as deferring any increase in the Federal reserve rediscount rate.

It is known, however, that the Federal reserve authorities do not look with favour upon the heavy inflow of gold from London, which would probably be attracted by an increase in the New York re-discount rate, believing that it might stimulate another frenzy of speculation here, and also might reach such proportions as to embarrass the Bank of England.

ISLAND RAVAGED BY INFLUENZA.

THIRTY-ONE PERSONS DEAD.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

SUVA, FIJI, Tuesday.

An epidemic of broncho-pneumonic influenza has ravaged the island of Rotuma, 500 miles north of Fiji, but under Fiji administration. The first case occurred on December 4th after the arrival of the inter-island steamer Makatea. Subsequently every one of the 2,300 inhabitants of the island, with the exception of Dr. Carew, the Resident Commissioner, two other Europeans, and some 50 Fijians, was affected.

Thirty-one deaths have occurred, which is equal to 1.3 of the population, but the epidemic is now abating.

Practically the whole work of attending to the sick has devolved on Dr. Carew, as the native medical practitioner is suffering from the epidemic.

RAIDS FOR POTEEN IN MAYO.

SMART PENALTIES.

"It is only right to congratulate the Guards for the clean sweep they made on this particular day. It may not have been conducive to the Christmas happiness of a lot of people, but it was a good day's work," said District Justice Guy in the Ballina District Court yesterday, when the Guards told of extensive raids for illicit spirits in Drimble, a townland within two miles of Ballina.

John Rafter, in whose house a quart of poteen and twenty gallons of "wash" were found, was fined £40, or, in default, three months' imprisonment, and his nephew, John Walsh, was fined a similar sum.

Edward Ruane, Breaffy (72), in whose house a pint of poteen was found, said that he got the spirits to use as a linament for his wife's rheumatism.

He was fined £12, or, in default, three months.

A young man, Anthony Mullen, of Drumsheen, who was found in possession of a quart of poteen, said that his sister was home from America and he got the poteen for her as a curio.

He was fined £12, or three months in jail.

JAR OF POTEEN IN MOUNTAIN STREAM.

DONEGAL FARMER SENTENCED.

When, at Moville (County Donegal) District Court, before District Justice Walsh, a middle-aged farmer, Anthony Coyle, was prosecuted for being interested in illicit distillation and having poteen, Sergeant Gilmartin gave evidence of seeing the defendant deposit something in a mountain stream. He brought the defendant to the place, and found a jar containing a quart of poteen rolled up in a bag.

When asked where the still was, the defendant said: "It is up there on the hill, and it is for you now to find it." Witness proceeded for a mile across the hill in the direction from which the defendant had come, and found the still, still-head and worm.

Defendant pleaded guilty to concealing the jar, but said that he had nothing to do with the still. He never stilled in his life, and got into this through a drop of drink.

Sergeant Gilmartin said that the defendant was in rather poor circumstances.

The District Justice said that every man who had anything to do with poteen eventually is.

Defendant said that he had taken the pledge from Father Hegarty.

The District Justice—Well, I will give you a better one; or, at least, I will give you a little time to meditate upon it.

The Justice then sentenced the defendant to twenty-eight days' imprisonment, with hard labour, and ordered the warrant to issue forthwith.

Defendant said that he would like a few days to sell some corn.

The Justice ordered that the warrant should not be executed before next Monday.

LORD HAILSHAM ON MARRIED LIFE.

LEARNING TO DO WHAT HE IS TOLD.

Lord Hailsham, the Lord Chancellor, who was accompanied by Lady Hailsham, made his first public appearance since returning from his honeymoon when he attended a meeting of the Marylebone Young Conservatives last night.

"If I had been married a little longer," said Lord Hailsham, "I should have exercised the marital authority which the Prayer-book enjoins, and asked my wife to make this speech for me, but I have begun to find out already that I have to do what I am told." (Laughter.)

WRAPS IN BARBERS' SHOPS.

QUESTION OF GREAT IMPORTANCE.

Judge Chetwynd Leech reserved his decision at Diss (Norfolk) yesterday in a case in which Mrs. Maud Wyles, of Harley Cottages, Diss, claimed from Mr. R. W. Pestell, a Diss hairdresser, £25 17s. 6d. damages, alleged to have been sustained by reason of the defendant's negligence in using unclean articles, whereby she contracted "barber's rash."

The plaintiff alleged that the defendant put a wrap which had been used round her neck. Three days later a rash appeared, which was diagnosed as "barber's itch." She suffered pain and agony for some weeks, and had hospital treatment, and, upon medical advice, she burned her hats, clothing, and bed linen.

Dr. Spiers, Medical Officer of Health for Diss, said that it was unlikely that the disease could be caught from the back of a chair. The disease was entirely different from that caught from a fur.

Replying to the judge, he said that the disease was round the chin as well as the neck, and pointed to the fact that something had been put round the neck.

The defendant said that he had clean towels and wraps weekly, and they were disinfected. The wraps were not exactly clean for each customer. He always refused to treat customers with pimples. (Laughter.) He did sometimes use a wrap on more than one person, but shook it first.

Mr. W. J. Garnham, Chairman of the Diss Town Council, and Mr. J. P. Albright, a magistrate, said that they considered the defendant's shop clean and conducted satisfactorily.

Counsel for the defence said that it was ludicrous to suggest that country barbers should use a clean cloth for every customer. In London shops, where high prices operated, it could be done.

The plaintiff's counsel refuted the suggestion that it was a practice in shops to use cloths on more than one person.

The Judge said that he did not see how it was possible to come to the conclusion that infection was not caused by a wrap. If he decided against the defendant he was condemning the whole practice in country barbers' shops in respect to wraps, so that the case raised a question of great importance.

'BUS COLLISION IN A FOG.

DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS INJURED.

Both drivers and a number of passengers were slightly injured in a collision between two 'buses travelling in opposite directions yesterday at Rye Bank, Wheelton, near Chorley, Lancashire.

Both vehicles were damaged, and one of them, bound from Blackburn, came to a stop on the brink of a deep hedge-screened embankment, at the bottom of which runs the Leeds to Liverpool canal. The accident was due to fog.

SKATING IN THE RAIN.

DUDDLESTONE CUP WINNER.

CROWDS LOST IN A FOG.

There were remarkable scenes in a remote quarter of the Cambridgeshire fens yesterday, when, in spite of mist and rain, the National Skating Association decided its Duddlestone Cup race.

Hundreds of people went over the mist-shrouded fens seeking the venue of the contest. They tumbled over muddy field paths and forded half-frozen dykes. Out of the mist came gun-like reports, denoting the cracking of the ice. Great areas of frozen fen gave a precarious foothold, and there were dense patches of fog, which trapped many visitors.

The rumble of skates, however, could be heard, and several who tried to locate the skaters found themselves on thin ice, which gave way. Thus there were scores of people struggling in shallow water, while others had to feel their way out of the fog banks. Fortunately, the fen water was not more than a foot deep, so that it was uncomfortable rather than dangerous.

THE RACE FOR THE CUP.

About five hundred people found their way to the race, which was won by the British Amateur Champion, C. W. Horn, who, in spite of the ice being slow and "dead," beat the British amateur "record" for a mile with five turns in 3 minutes 20 2-5 seconds.

There were nine competitors for the cup, a trophy presented to the National Skating Association by Mr. Duddlestone, of Chicago, in 1894. Horn's time was remarkable, having regard for the fact that the ice was slow. He won by more than 20 seconds from J. B. Beber (Spalding). The leading placings were:—

	Mins.	Secs.
1—C. W. Horn (Upwell)	3	20 2-5
2—J. B. Beber (Spalding)	3	42 1-5
3—G. W. Martin (Nordelph)	3	46 3-5
4—W. Wood (Outwell)	3	57

GREAT FIRE IN PERA.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HOMELESS.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Tuesday.

A disastrous fire broke out in Tatavla, a suburb to the north of Pera, last night, and was not extinguished until this evening. Tatavla is a thickly-populated region of wooden houses, inhabited almost entirely by poor Greek artisans, which lies on an exposed ridge above the picturesquely-named but unlovely Bulbuldere.

It is reported that about 400 houses in twelve streets have been destroyed, and that upwards of 2,500 poor people are now homeless. The loss of life is believed to be small, but many people were injured.

Very unfortunately, the fire broke out on the coldest night of the present winter. Snow had been falling in Constantinople for two days previously, and is now several inches deep. The bitterly cold weather has consequently greatly added to the distress of the victims of the fire, and it was a pathetic sight this morning to see children clad in the flimsiest clothing sheltering in the cupboards which had been thrown out from the houses on to the snow.

Everywhere there is a stream of refugees carrying their household goods and furniture away, as the authorities had to order the abandonment of all houses in the fire zone.

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRAQ.

CRISIS ANTICIPATED SOME TIME AGO.

Reuter's Agency learns from an authoritative Iraq source that the present political crisis in Iraq was anticipated some time ago, when the Prime Minister intimated his intention of resigning, and it was only at the suggestion of the High Commissioner that he postponed this action for a week, pending the reply from London as to the view of the British Government with regard to the negotiations now in progress.

This reply, presumably, has now been received, and is not acceptable to the Iraq Government.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

BAGDAD, Tuesday.

Reuter's representative learns officially that the version issued here of the British demands which led to the resignation of the Iraq Cabinet is inaccurate on two points.

No request, it is stated, was made that all commands of troops in Iraq should be held only by officers nominated or approved by Great Britain.

The original request that Iraq should pay the excess cost of the maintenance of the British forces in this country compared to their cost in Great Britain was waived some months ago, on condition that the other major principles of the British draft were accepted.

CAUGHT IN RAILWAY GATES.

MOTORISTS' ESCAPE AT LEVEL CROSSING.

The story of the narrow escape from death of a motorist and his passenger when caught in the gates of a railway level crossing at Newry was told in the Dundalk Circuit Court last Saturday, when John Corcoran, Barrack street, Dundalk, a motor hackney driver, sued the Great Northern Railway Company for £100 damages for the negligence of their officials and servants.

Corcoran deposed that while motoring a steamship agent through Newry they approached the level crossing at Monaghan street. He had been travelling at about twenty miles per hour, and slowed down owing to the bad road near the crossing. When he reached the crossing he was going slowly, and as he was on the crossing he noticed the railway gates closing on him. They got to the far gates, and as they did so the car was caught in the gates and witness was flung right out of the car and on to the roadway. The entire bodywork of the car was wrecked and the glass of the windscreen was broken around Mr. Kearney, the passenger. The latter had a marvellous escape, as he retained his seat in the car, and the driver, after being thrown well clear of the car, jumped up and stopped it before it hit a wall close by.

Edward Kearney, Limerick, corroborated.

The defence of the railway company was that there had not been any negligence and that the driver had failed to take ordinary precautions.

Thomas Morrow, who operated the gates, stated that when he commenced to close the gates there was no traffic in sight. The gates were being closed for the express train, and when he had turned the wheel three times the car approached at eighty yards. He continued to close the gates, as he had not the slightest idea that the driver would attempt to get through.

Constable Marshall, of the R.U.C., who was on duty in Monaghan street, said that the gates were almost closed when the motorist tried to get through. The car was coming at a moderate speed, and as it came to the gates the speed was increased.

The jury found for the plaintiff, and awarded him £90 damages.

When the jury had returned to Court the Circuit Judge had left to catch his train, and the verdict was announced by the Registrar. It was intimated that counsel would apply for judgment later in the sessions.

A block of business premises was destroyed by fire yesterday in Fredericton, New Brunswick. The damage is estimated at 225,000 dollars.

HIBERNIAN BANK CLERKSHIPS.

Pupils of ROSSE COLLEGE, Stephen's Green, Dublin, have gained 6 of these appointments since September, 1927.—(Advt.)

U.S. MARKETS.

MOTORS AND METALS ADVANCE.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

Stocks opened irregular, but the market responded to slightly easier money rates, with a vigorous advance, more particularly in Metals, Motors and Specialties, over a score of these issues reaching new high ground. Call money was in ample supply at 6 per cent., and shaded down to 5 per cent. in the outside market. Bankers are of opinion that higher rates are improbable until the end of the month. Du Pont Old Stock touched 600 for the first time in its history, but then reacted to 585¼, while in the initial trading on the big board the New Stock sold between 155⅜ and 173. Among the soft spots, Otis Elevator and Case Threshing Machine lost about 10 points and Pittsburg Flour Mills Preferred 7. Anaconda Copper and Chile Copper advanced 3 points, but reacted following the announcement that Chile Copper had been placed on a 3 dollar 50 cents annual dividend basis. United States Steel reached 190⅞, and then receded to 187⅜, but this had no effect on the general market, most of the recognised leaders finishing approximately at the best prices of the day. Johns-Manville jumped up 21 points, People's Gas 17, Federal Mining and Smelting and National Alkali 11, and American Smelting and Refining Motor Products and Commercial Investment Trust 8 to 9 points, while Electric Auto Lite, General Motors, Union Carbide, Commercial Solvents and International Paper rose 5 to 6. The market closed strong. Government Bonds firm; Railroad Bonds irregular. The day's sales totalled 5,117,000 shares.

Money on call closed steady at 6 per cent. bid and 6¼ asked. All loans were transacted at 6 per cent. Sterling exchange slightly easier. Silver ⅛c. lower at 56⅞.

	Tues.	Mon.
Call Money	6b. 6¼a	6b. 6¼a
Exchange on Lon.—60 days sight	4.80¾	4.80 11/16
Do. do. Demand Bills	4.84⅝	4.84 9/16
Cable Transfers	4.84 29/32	4.84 15/16
Do. Montreal	4.86¼	4.86 5/16
Exchange Paris cable	3.90¾	3.90¾

Eng. Parity.	Stocks.	Tues.	Mon.
204¾	Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe	198⅝	200
106 11/16	Do. Preferred	103½	103½
125¼	Baltimore and Ohio	121½	121⅛
249⅞	Canadian Pacific	242⅜	242⅜
38⅛	Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul	37	36¾
90⅞	Chicago and North-West	88⅛	88
72 1/16	Erie Shares	69⅞	70¼
64 3/16	Erie 1st Preferred	62¼	62½
145⅞	Illinois Central	141½	140½
150½	Louisville and Nashville	146	144
7 5/16	Mexican Nat. 1st Preferred	7*	7*
52 9/16	Missouri, Kansas, and Texas	51	51¼
67¼	Missouri Pacific	65¼	66
200¾	New York Central & Hudson R.	194¾	194
201½	Norfolk and West. Com.	195½	195
111 13/16	Northern Pacific Com.	108½	109
82⅝	Pennsylvania Shares	80⅛	80⅝
108⅞	Reading Shares	105⅝	106
43 5/16	Do. Preferred	42	42
137⅞	Southern Pacific	133¾	131¾
158¼	Southern Railway	154	—
225¾	Union Pacific	219	219
85 9/16	Do. Preferred	83	83½
118¼	American Can. (New Stock)	114¾	113¾
106 11/16	American Smelting (new stk.)	103½	95½
128 11/16	Anaconda Copper	124⅞	125⅝
17	Anglo-American Oil	16½	16⅝
87¼	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock	84⅝	85⅛
32 5/16	Brit.-American Tobacco Coupon	31¼	30¾
113⅝	New York Consolidated Gas	110¼	108½
242 15/16	General Electric (New Stock)	235½	235
208¼	General Motors (New)	202	198
6 7/16	Inter. Mer. Marine Com. Certs	6¼	6½
39 1/16	Do. Pref. Certs.	37⅞	—
66¼	International Pet. of Canada	64¼	64½
151⅛	National Lead	147	146
49¼	Pan-American Petroleum "B"	47¾	48
52 9/16	Shell Transport and Trading	51	51
29¼	Shell Union Oil	28⅝	28½
53⅛	U.S. Rubber	51⅞	51
193¼	United States Steel Common	187½	182¾
145 11/16	Do. Preferred	141⅜	141¼
—	Silver Commercial Bars	56¾	56⅞
	BONDS.		
95⅛	Atch. Top. New 4% Gen. Mort.	92¼	92½
82⅝	Erie Rail. Gen. 4% Lien Bonds	79⅞	80
97 7/16	Union Pacific 4% Bonds	94½	94½
111 1/16	U.S. Steel 2nd Mort. 5% Bonds	107¾	107⅝
122	U.K. 5½% Bonds, 1929	118⅜	118¼
107 5/16	Do. do. 1937	104	103¾
89 11/16	U.K. Funding Loan	87	—
110¼	7% German Loan	107	107¼

* Asked; † Ex div.; ‡ Ex interest; ‖ Ex rights.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Eng. Equiv.	Stocks and Shares.	Clos'g Prices Tues.	Mon.
54	Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd.	52½	49¼
17¾	Asbestos Corp. of Canada, Ltd.	17¼	17
64¼	Do. Preferred	62½	61
80 7/16	Brazilian T. L. & P. Co. Ltd.	78¼	78
60 5/16	British Columbia Power A	59¼	59¾
40⅝	Do. Do. Do. B	39½	39⅞
4⅞	Brit. Empire Steel Corp., Ltd.	4½	4
33 9/16	Do. 1st Preference Series B	32⅝	32⅝
7 5/16	Do. 2nd Preference	7	7¾
39⅞	Brompton Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd.	38½	37
33 5/16	Canada Cement Common	32¼	32¼
101 11/16	Do. Do. Prefd.	98⅞	98⅞
12 3/16	Canadian Cottons Co., Ltd.	12	11
40⅝	Canadian Indus. Alcohol Corp.	39½	38⅞
33 15/16	Canada Power & Paper Corp.	33	33¼
37 9/16	Canada Steamships Lines, Ltd.	36½	36¼
93⅝	Do. New 6 p.c.	92½	92½
423¾	Con. Mining and Smelt. Co. of Canada, Ltd.	416	392
107 15/16	Dominion Textile Co., Ltd.	106	105
9¼	Hollinger Gold Mining Shares	9½	9¼
113⅞	Montreal L. H. & P. Consd.	116¾	111
138	National Breweries, Ltd.	134½	134
74 1/16	Port Alfred P. & P. Corp. Com.	72	70
100¾	Do. Preferred	98	98
103 1/16	Power Corporation of Canada	100¼	98
75 5/16	Price Bros. & Co., Ltd.	77	77
92 1/16	Quebec Power Co. New Stock	90	90
90	Shawinigan W. & P. Co. (New)	87½	89½
267 5/16	Steel Co. of Canada, Ltd.	260	260
75 1/16	Wayagamack	73	71
107 1/16	Winnipeg Electric	105	105
424 11/16	Bank of Montreal	413	412
342 7/16	Canadian Bank of Commerce	333	332
397 1/16	Royal Bank of Canada	387	387

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS.

WHEAT—Spots firm, 2c. to 3⅜c. higher.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Amber Durum, spot	132⅝	130
No. 2 Mixed Durum, spot	123⅝	121
No. 2 Northern Manitoba, spot	140⅛	138½
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	139⅝	137
No. 2 Red Winter, spot	162⅝	159

RYE firm, 1⅜c. higher. No. 2 spot, 120⅛.

BARLEY steady and unchanged. American malting, New York, No. 2 spot, 85.

MAIZE steady, ⅜c. lower.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Western No. 2 mixed spot	112⅝	113⅛

LARD firm, 20 points higher. Prime Western steam, 12.55; Middle-West, 12.40 to 12.50.

FLOUR steady. Spring clears, 100 per cent., 5.85 to 6.10.

FREIGHTS.

Heavy grain to Great Britain, per quarter, 1/6 to 3/-.

Heavy grain to Continent, per 100lbs., 14c. to 15c.

Cotton—High density to Great Britain, per 100lbs., 45c.

Cotton—Standard bales to Great Britain, per 100lbs., 60c.

PETROLEUM steady.

	To-day.	Prev. day
Standard White in cases	17.65	17.65
Standard White in barrels	14.25	14.25
Do. Philadelphia	14.25	14.25
Mid-Continent Crude	33-33.9	33-33.9
Pennsylvania Crude	3.85-4.10	3.85-4.10

COFFEE—

Options—	Jan.	Mar.	May	July	Sept.	Oct.
To-day	17.25	16.27	15.60	14.84	14.25	14.15
	Dec. 13.75					
Prev. day	17.30	16.30	15.60	14.64	14.20	14.10

SUGAR—Centrifugal Cuban, spot, steady, 3 points higher; 96 test centrifugal Cuban, 3.83.

Options—	Jan.	Mar.	May	July	Sept.	Dec.	Jan. 1930
To-day	2.03	2.06	2.16	2.20	2.22	2.22	2.20
Prev. day	2.01	2.04	2.14	2.19	2.22	2.27	2.24

TALLOW steady. Spot, extra loose, 9; spot, special extra, 8⅞; spot, in tierces, 9⅛.

COTTON SEED OIL—Futures firm, 5 to 10 points higher. Prime summer yellow, spot, 10.20. Closing options—January, 10.25; March, 10.43; May, 10.65; July, 10.84.

SHELLAC—T.N., 43¼.

TURPENTINE—Spot, 62½; Savannah, spot, 56¼.

METALS—Straits Tin steady. Spot and February both 17½ points higher. Spot and nearby, New York, 49.05. Future option—February, 49.05. Lead steady and unchanged. Spot, New York, 6.65; spot, East St. Louis, 6.50. Zinc steady and unchanged. Spot, East St. Louis, 6.35. Pig Iron steady. Northern No. 2 Plain, f.o.b. Furnace, Eastern Pennsylvania, 19.95; No. 2 Plain, Buffalo (delivery Boston), 20.45 by rail. The United States Copper Export Association quotes copper, c.i.f. Hamburg, 17.00.

WINNIPEG GRAINS.

Wheat opened barely steady and ⅛c. lower. Early recessions were inspired by weak cable advices and increased receipts; then a rally occurred on buying of May and July, which was credited partly to Chicago interests. A bullish official production report regarding the Manitoba crop, together with an advance of 15d. in Argentine freight rates for prompt shipment to Europe, caused further strength, the market closing strong, 2⅛c. to 1⅞c. up. Opening options—May 127, July 128⅛, October 127⅛; closing options—May 129⅛, July 131⅛, October 129⅛. Rye firm, 1⅝c. to 2⅛c. higher; closing options—May 111⅞, July 109⅞. Oats steady, ⅛c. to ⅜c. rise; closing options—May 62⅛, July 60⅛, October 58⅛. Barley steady, ⅛c. to ⅜c. higher; closing options—May 80⅛, July 79⅛. Flaxseed steady and unchanged to ⅛c. up; closing options—May 200⅛, July 199⅛.

Wheat receipts (carlots).	To-day.	Prev. day
No. 1 Northern	10	4
No. 2 Northern	56	38
No. 3 Northern	158	112
No. 4 Northern	216	151
Other grades	559	376
Total	999	681

NEW YORK COTTON.

COTTON opened steady, 3 points down to 2 up. It was a quiet and narrow market, although the undertone was steady on favourable Liverpool cables. Moderate trade buying took place in the absence of selling pressure; but later on Southern operators sold. The close was steady, with February 10 points lower and other positions unchanged to a point higher. Spot is unaltered. New Orleans futures opened 2 to 3 points higher. Around 11.45 January touched 19.53, March 19.58, May 19.58, and July 19.52; and at 1.45 January was quoted 19.56, March 19.61, May 19.62, July 19.55, and October 19.04. Values at the close were 2 points down to 3 up. Spot shows no change.

Spot, middling upland at New York, 20.40.

Receipts—Atlantic ports, 4,000 bales; Gulf, 41,000; Pacific, 1,000; interior towns, gross 19,000.

MR. HOOVER'S STAFF OF CENSORS.

DISCUSSION IN THE SENATE.

SEQUEL TO "GOODWILL TOUR."

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday.

The Senate was thrown into a state of great excitement to-day by a speech from Mr. Harrison, a Democrat from Mississippi, who alleged that the Press despatches written aboard the battleship Maryland, in which Mr. Hoover, the President-elect, made his famous "goodwill" tour of South America, were censored by members of his staff.

Senator Harrison declared that "everybody knew a censorship had been imposed." He did not go into details, but was given permission to read an article in the *Editor and Publisher*, a magazine of the newspaper trade, dealing with the subject.

The article in question states that five copies of each despatch were required from the correspondents accompanying Mr. Hoover.

One went into the files of the Navy Department;

The second was used for transmission;

The third was for the inspection of Captain Kimberley, the Commander of the battleship; and

The two remaining copies were reserved for Mr. Hoover and his staff of Latin-American experts.

The Senate listened in amazement to the reading of the article, which alleges that "an atmosphere of intimidation" prevailed on board, and affected the correspondents far more than the actual deletion of parts of their despatches, which apparently was not a frequent occurrence.

The correspondent of one of the leading American news agencies was advised to withdraw the whole of one of his articles by one of Mr. Hoover's experts, who thought that it would be better "to withhold the story for a time."

On another occasion, according to the article, a despatch filed by the correspondent of the American Press Association was held up for five hours.

Strong feelings were aroused among Senators of all parties by these allegations, and it is the general opinion that they must be probed to the bottom.

GARAGE MURDER CLUES.

CONFERENCE TO-DAY WITH LORD BYNG.

Chief-Inspector Prothero and Detective-Sergeant Young arrived in London last night. It is understood that a conference will take place to-day between Lord Byng, Chief Commissioner of Police, and these officers, who have been investigating the garage murder at Southampton, and that developments may be expected very shortly.

A watch answering the description of the one belonging to Messiter, the murdered man, is in the Southampton Police Station, and will be the subject of inquiries to-day.

Mrs. Lila Marshall, the sister of the murdered man, casts a doubt on the value of the finding at Winchester of an antique pair of compasses and a black lacquer tea caddy, which the police regard as an important clue to the solution of the Southampton garage crime.

Mrs. Marshall states that she was unaware that her brother ever owned the articles. So important do the Scotland Yard officers investigating the murder of Mr. Messiter consider the discovery, however, that yesterday they devoted considerable time to investigating how this supposed property of the dead man got into the possession of the man who sold it.

The antique dealer to whom they were sold cannot recall the appearance of the man who called on him on November 22nd, three weeks after the presumed date of the murder. The compasses bore the name "John Messiter" and the date 1698, and it was supposed that they had been in possession of the Messiter family for over two centuries.

COINCIDENCE?

Mrs. Marshall, who lives at Thurlestone, in Devon, told a Press representative last night that she was unaware that her brother had ever owned the compasses and the tea caddy. "At the time he last stayed with us my brother certainly did not possess either of the finds," she said. "Of course he may have acquired them during the period he lived at Southampton. My brother was always very keen on anything connected with the family history. The family goes back as far as 1630, to my knowledge, but whether there was a John Messiter in those days I do not know.

"On the whole," added Mrs. Marshall, "I am inclined to regard the find as simply a coincidence."

"CHARMED" NOTES.

Stephen McGuignan and Jean Waugh, of Portadown, appeared before Mr. Fallon at a special court in Dungannon, charged with the larceny of £15, the property of Mrs. M. Campbell, Carrickmore.

It was stated that the prisoners, who had been picked out at an identification parade, entered Mrs. Campbell's shop on the 10th inst., and the female prisoner, having told Mrs. Campbell's fortune, suggested that there was "unlucky money" in the house. She persuaded Mrs. Campbell to give her a £5 note, so that she could "put a charm over it," and went away. On the following day both accused returned and obtained two more £5 notes in the same way.

Accused were remanded.

Exports—Great Britain, 12,000 bales; Continent, 4,000; Japan and China, 2,000.

RUBBER quiet, but steady. First latex crepe, spot, 20⅛ buyers; smoked ribbed sheets, spot, 20⅛ buyers, 20⅜ sellers.

TIN steady. Closing options—January 48.75 to 48.80, February 48.75 to 48.80, March 48.70 to 48.75, April 48.75, May 48.70 to 48.75, June 48.75.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Tuesday.

WHEAT at the opening was barely steady and ⅛c. to ½c. lower, due to selling by North-West houses and the poor export demand. The market rallied sharply afterwards, owing to reports of rains and freezing temperatures in the South-West, and also on private advices of damage owing to unfavourable weather in important producing centres. Buying of July by Eastern and foreign houses was a further factor, and the market closed strong, 2⅜c. to 2½c. up. Spot firm.

	To-day.	Prev. day
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	126¾	124⅛
No. 3 Hard Winter, spot	124½	—

Futures—Opening options—	Mar.	May	July
To-day	122¼	125½	127⅝
Prev. day	121⅝	125¼	127¼

Futures—Closing options—	Mar.	May	July
To-day	125¼	128½	130½
Prev. day	122¾	126	127⅞

MAIZE opened easy at declines of 1⅛c. to 1⅜c. The market finished barely steady, and ⅛c. to ¼c. down on the day. Spot No. 2 mixed Western unquoted.

Futures—Opening options—	Mar.	May	July
To-day	97⅛	100¼	101¾
Prev. day	98⅝	101⅜	102⅝

Futures—Closing options—	Mar.	May	July
To-day	98¼	101⅛	103
Prev. day	98⅝	101⅝	103⅜

OATS firm, ⅛c. higher.

Futures—Closing options—	Mar.	May	July
To-day	53⅛	53⅝	50⅜
Prev. day	52⅝	52⅞	49⅞

RYE firm, futures being 1⅜c. to ⅜c. up. No. 2 spot, 102½.

Futures—Closing options—	Mar.	May	July
To-day	108	110⅛	108½
Prev. day	106⅝	108⅞	107⅝

PROVISIONS—Lard opened firm. The advance in hogs and sharp rally in grains favourably influenced the sentiment, and the market closed firm, with futures 17½ to 15 points up and spot 17½ points higher. Lard—Prime Western steam spot, 11.80.

Lard—Closing options—	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	May
To-day	11.80	11.85	11.97½	12.22½
Prev. day	11.62½	11.67½	11.80	12.07½

RIBS quiet, unchanged to 2½ points down.

Ribs—Closing options—	Jan.	May.	July
To-day	12.45	13.02½	—
Prev. day	12.45	13.05	—

BACON steadier and 12½ points up. Short ribs spot (60lbs. average), 12.87½.

HOGS firmer at advances of 20 points for light-weights and 25 points for heavy descriptions. Light-weight, 9.00 to 9.30; heavy-weight, 9.00 to 9.30.

	To-day	Same day last year
Receipts—Chicago	44,000	60,000
Western Cities	140,000	175,000

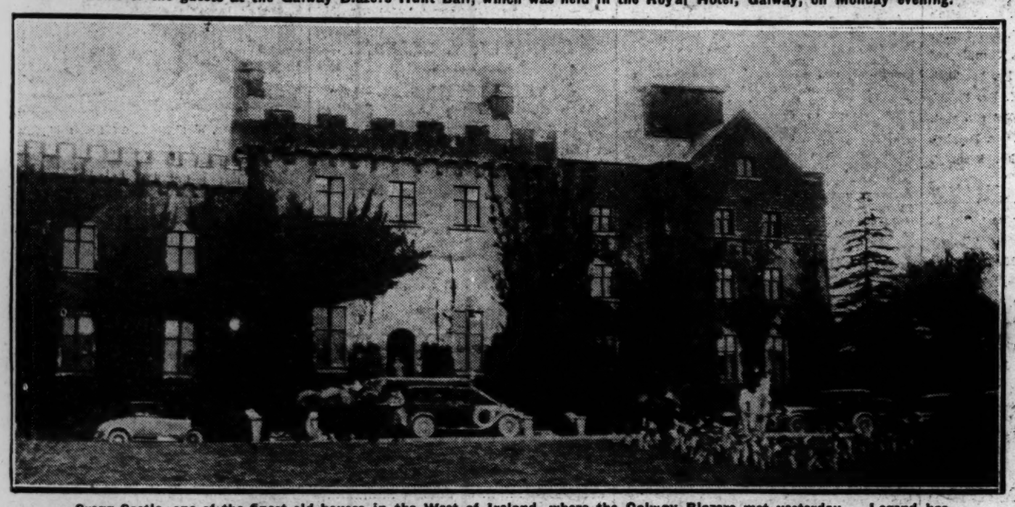
Receipts of hogs at fifteen principal Western centres (including Chicago) since November 1st, total 8,384,000, against 7,075,000 same season last year.

THE GALWAY BLAZERS' HUNT BALL.

First pictures of the evacuation of the European civil population from Kabul.
Left: French and Italian refugees being met by friends on their arrival at Peshawar. Right: The pilot of the Victoria 'plane climbing out of his seat on arrival.

Some of the guests at the Galway Blazers Hunt Ball, which was held in the Royal Hotel, Galway, on Monday evening.

Lady Olein Wyndham-Quin and the Earl of Altamont, heir to the Marquis of Sligo, at the Hunt Ball Meet of the Galway Blazers yesterday.



Gregg Castle, one of the finest old houses in the West of Ireland, where the Galway Blazers met yesterday. Legend has it that fires have been burning in this castle since the beginning of the fifteenth century.

Captain Bowes-Daly, M.F.H.; Mr. and Mrs. Kearns, Mr. Peirce Joyce, Mr. T. S. Young, Miss Grattan-Bellew, Mr. Barton and Miss Madeleine Persse photographed on the steps of Gregg Castle, where the Galway Blazers met yesterday.

Members of the Cambridge crew ferrying across the River Cam, prior to practice for the boat race.

Messrs. Edwin D. Hill, W. H. Newman Thompson, A. T. Collins, Cecil H. H. Fennell, C. D. Budd and G. S. Cole at the Institute of Bankers' meeting at the Bank of Ireland, College Green, Dublin, yesterday.

Pims GREAT WINTER Sale

LAST WEEK BARGAINS
IN MEN'S & BOYS' CLOTHING

	FINAL REDUCTION
MEN'S Super-grade Ready-to-Wear SUITS, greatly reduced for Sale, 77/6. Now Further Reduced to	75/-
YOUTHS' OVERCOATS (age 16 to 17 years). Special Sale Offer, 35/-. Final Reduction	32/11
MEN'S Tweed SUITS. Only a few dozen left. Must be cleared. Were a bargain at 39/11. Further Reduction	36/11
MEN'S Grey Tweed OVERCOATS. A few left small sizes only (34 chest). Originally 34/-. Special Clearing Price	29/11

Exceptional Offer
BOYS' SUITS
An Exceptional Offer — Boys' Tweed Knicker Suits, really well made, and will give lots of hard wear. We are confident that no better value could be obtained in Dublin at the specially low price at which they are now marked to clear 18/11

MEN'S RED JACKETS. Were 10/11. Now	7/11
MEN'S TAN LEATHER COATS. Former Sale Price, 95/-. Further Reduced to	92/6
MEN'S Special Rubberproofed "MACS." Special Sale Offer, 10/6. Further Reduced to	9/11
MEN'S ALL-WOOL CARDIGANS. Sale Price during last few weeks, 12/11. Now	11/6
MEN'S Soft Felt HATS. Were 12/6. Now	8/11

NO GOODS EXCHANGED OR ON APPROVAL DURING THE SALE

CLOSED FROM 1 to 2 P.M. DAILY DURING THE SALE ONLY

A FEW BARGAINS IN MEN'S OUTFITTING

MEN'S woven Poplin and Silk Poplin SHIRTS, including 2 collars. A few Oddments left. Original prices, 12/6 to 18/6 each. Now	8/11
MEN'S PYJAMAS, all wool, assorted block and all-over stripes. Usual price, 25/-. Suit. Very Special Offer	21/-
MEN'S PYJAMAS, woven poplin, assorted stripes. Were 21/- Suit. Special Last Week Offer	12/6
MEN'S Flannel SHIRTS, assorted stripes. Formerly 8/11 and 10/6. Very Special	6/11
MEN'S Real Silk SCARVES, seconds, White and Fancy Colours. Special Clearing Price	14/6
MEN'S White Art Silk SCARVES. Were 5/11 to 7/6 each. Special Offer	4/11

PIM BROTHERS LTD GEORGE'S STREET DUBLIN

£1,500 DAMAGES IN LIBEL ACTION.

PASSAGE IN A BOOK.

A verdict awarding £1,500 damages to Mr. Horatio Bottomley was returned by the jury yesterday in the action brought in London by Mr. Bottomley against Mr. Henry James Houston, claiming damages in respect of alleged libel in the book, "The Real Horatio Bottomley." Another action against Messrs. Hurst and Blackett in respect of the same passage had been settled since the original trial last July, when the jury disagreed.

Mr. Bottomley, who conducted his own case, gave evidence, and said that the the authorship of the book, "The Real Horatio Bottomley," was admitted by Mr. Houston. The book contained a charge that years ago, when Mr. Bottomley was in the editorial chair of a certain paper, he adopted the methods of a blackmailer. There was not an atom of truth in the allegation.

Mr. Justice Swift, addressing the jury, said that Mr. Houston had put on the record a justification of the libel, but he was not present to support it, and the jury must take it that there was no foundation for the cruel reflection made on Mr. Bottomley's character by calling him in the book a blackmailer. The jury must assess what they thought were proper damages for such a libel.

Judgment, according to the jury's finding, was entered with costs.

SHOULD "GODS" WEAR LOINCLOTHS?

REMARKABLE INDIAN CASE.

Should a "god" wear a loincloth? On the answer to this question hangs the peace of members of the Jain religion, who worship the stone idol of "Shri Antariksha Parasnathji Maharaj," in the Jain temple at Shirpur, in the district of Akola.

The origin of the idol is lost in a maze of mythology, but it is certain that it has been worshipped from time immemorial by the two sects of the Jain religion.

Litigation concerning the idol and the management of the temple has been going on for the past eighteen years, and now it has come before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, who will hear the case at the Hilary Sittings.

The case has already been through two Indian Courts.

It is alleged that the idol, in its origin, did not have the configuration of a waist band and waist tie, that by reason of age it had to be plastered from time to time, and that in 1908, in the process of such plastering, one of the sects involved sought for the first time to introduce the innovation of a waist band and waist tie.

A FAMOUS ENGLISH COUNTRY HOUSE.

OTTERBURN HALL GUTTED.

Otterburn Hall, a famous country house near Otterburn, Northumberland, was gutted by fire early yesterday morning. The Hall was bought some time ago by a Newcastle syndicate for the purpose of conversion into a hydro. The work of construction had been commenced, and between midnight and one o'clock yesterday morning the fire broke out.

The building was unoccupied. The Hall is situated in one of the beauty spots of Northumberland.

"TREATED WITH SCANT COURTESY."

LETTERKENNY AND THE SHANNON SCHEME.

At a special meeting of the Letterkenny Urban Council the Town Clerk said that, failing the receipt of any reply from the Electricity Supply Board in regard to the Council's application to be made authorised undertakers of an electric system in the town, he had wired the Board on the subject, and received the following reply:—"Board of opinion no useful purpose would be served by making Letterkenny Urban Council authorised undertakers of lighting. Writing."

Captain Horohin said that he thought that Council had been treated with very scant courtesy in the matter. Since last August they had been trying to get some definite ruling from the Supply Board as to when the Shannon scheme would be coming to Donegal, but without success.

On the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was decided to defer further consideration of the matter, pending the receipt of a letter from the Electricity Supply Board on the subject.

FUNERAL OF LORD CRAWSHAW.

The funeral of Lord Crawshaw, who died suddenly at Whatton House, near Loughborough, Leicestershire, last Saturday, took place at the parish church, Long Whatton, yesterday.

The Service was conducted by the Bishop of Leicester and the local clergy.

The paths to the church porch were lined with wreaths, and others were placed in the church. On the coffin lay a cross of white flowers from the nearest relatives. The wreaths included tributes from the tenantry at Long Whatton, from the Mayor and Corporation of Bawtenstall, and from Lord Crawshaw's Lancashire residence, Crawshawbooth.

The mourners were the Hon. Gerald Brooks, elder son, who succeeds to the title; the Hon. Cicely Brooks, daughter; the Hon. Herbert and Mrs. Brooks, younger son and daughter-in-law; Lieutenant-Colonel R. E. Martin and Mrs. Martin, son-in-law and daughter; Mrs. Tennant and Mrs. Townsend.

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COUNTY DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL.

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UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS, 1929

The County Dublin County Council offer for Competition THREE SCHOLARSHIPS of £60 each, tenable for THREE YEARS, at University College, Dublin, open only to students whose parents or guardians have resided in the County of Dublin for a period of at least FIVE years immediately preceding the 1st April, 1929.

Form of application and all particulars can be had from the Secretary to the County Council at his offices.

(Signed) S. ua LAOIDEIS,
County Secretary.

COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES,
11 Parnell Square, Dublin.
19th day of January, 1929. (L)

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COUNTY DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Tenable in Secondary Schools, 1929.

The County Dublin County Council offer for competition TWENTY SCHOLARSHIPS, tenable at approved Secondary or other School of suitable type, open only to children whose parents or guardians have resided in the County of Dublin for at least two years immediately preceding the 1st August, 1929.

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(Signed) S. ua Laoidéis.
County Secretary.

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19th day of January, 1929. (L)

Rheumatism
Kruschen ended her agony

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Mrs. R. K., Dublin.
17th December, 1928.

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EVENTS IN IRELAND are fully summarised in the "WEEKLY IRISH TIMES," with Illustrations. Price Twopence.

GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE.

THE OUTLOOK.

MILDER WEATHER AT KEMPTON.

SOME LIKELY HORSES TO-DAY.

From Our Travelling Correspondent.

LONDON, Tuesday Night.

It is a little hopeless when the weather changes every few hours to predict what it will be like to-morrow, but anyhow, Mr. Walter Hyde states that there has been a good thaw at Kempton Park, four hours of rain having fallen, and that if there is no frost to-night racing will be certain there to-morrow.

Brave Cry has been taken out of the Littleton Handicap Steeplechase, in which Firecracker is top-weight. He fell at Manchester, an unusual thing for him to do, and if he runs to-morrow he may do well. I slightly prefer, however, the chance of ARDAILE, who has been coming on well lately.

The Kempton Park Handicap Hurdle should be won by COURTSHIP, who has a few pounds the better of the weights with English Fare. BLUE VINNY should win the Middlesex Hurdle, the danger being Peertoi.

GALTEE MORE.

FORM HORSES.

KEMPTON PARK.

1.30 Race—Zero.
2. 0 ,, —Benjamin Cherry.
2.30 ,, —Rathnally
3. 0 ,, —Maximus (nap).
3.30 ,, —Toy Bell.
4. 0 ,, —Peertoi.

Eclipse.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Daily Express:—Safety Bet—Blakesley (to win). Double—Blakesley and Courtship.

Daily Mirror:—Double — Courtship and Blue Vinny.

Daily Sketch:—Double — Courtship and Caporal.

SPORTING GOSSIP

George Duller's Health.

George Duller, the jockey, who has not recovered from the effect of wasting, is on Thursday going to spend a fortnight at Grindelwald. If his health improves as the consequence of his stay there he will be riding in a number of races before he goes into a nursing home for a slight operation prior to his setting sail for America in March.

Night Guard's Scratching.

The scratching of Night Guard out of the Handicap Hurdle, Newbury meeting, presumably refers to the Lambourn Selling Handicap Hurdle, which is the only engagement the horse has at the meeting.

Death of an England Full-back.

William Williams, an England Association football full-back, died yesterday at the age of 53. Born at Smethwick, Staffordshire, Williams went from Oldhill Wanderers to West Bromwich Albion in 1894, and continued to play with much distinction until 1900, when he was injured in a match against Stoke. He played six times for England—against Scotland in 1898, against Wales in that season and the next, and against Ireland in 1897 and the two following seasons.

WINTER SPORTS.

BRITISH TEAM'S VICTORIES.

INTERLAKEN, Tuesday.

At Wengen the Green Trophy and the Hewitt Challenge Cup have both been won by the Regina team, of which Sir Percy Bates is captain. At Adelboden the Golden Ski Trophy was won by Mr. R. Wampfler, of Zweisimmen. The Blumlis Alp Challenge Cup was won at Kandersteg by Captain Symonds. Flying-Officer Waghorn won the Golden Ski Trophy at Wengen, his time being 5 mins. 0.8 secs.

The winner of the "No Fall" Championship was Dr. Walter Amstutzo, of Muerren, his time being 4 mins. 27.2 secs. Bracken came in second in 4 mins. 42 secs. The Macmilland Cup Ski Race from Maennlichen to Grund was won by H. R. D. Waghorn in 12 mins. 32 secs, T. R. Fox being second in 13 mins. 55 secs.

MALOJA, Tuesday.

The Haig of Bemersyde Cup Downhill Skiing Race, which was run here to-day in good weather over a course of 1,000 feet, in difficult snow conditions, on the Piz D'Aela, was won in the excellent time of 5 mins. 43 secs. by Harbidge. Homer came in second and Commander Long third.

Miss Scott, the first of the lady entries, came in twelfth. The first three men were members of the Kandahar Ski Club and the Eagle Ski Club.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

NEWBURY MEETING.

Weyhill Handicap Hurdle—Kinnaird.
Four-Year-Old Hurdle—Master Orange.
Handicap Hurdle Race—Night Guard.
Moderate Handicap Hurdle—Gold Flare.
Newbury engagements—Island.

KEMPTON PARK MEETING.

Novices' Steeplechase—Battleshaft.
Littleton Steeplechase—Brave Cry and Longhaul.
Amateurs' Steeplechase—Starbox.
Middlesex Hurdle—Dromore.
Egham Selling Hurdle—Roi des Aulnes.
Kempton Park engagements—Aberdonian.

MISCELLANEOUS.

All engagements under National Hunt Rules—Silver Argos.
All engagements—Mon Cher II., Louisa Dale colt (2 years) (dead).
Bath Foal Stakes, Triennial Produce Stakes Newmarket; Redcar Foal Plate, Great National Breeders' Foal Plate, Redcar, and Salisbury Foal Stakes—The Margravine filly (two years).

BILLIARDS.

NEWMAN V. LINDRUM.

Newman reduced Lindrum's start of 3,000 to 1,798 during yesterday afternoon's session of their match at Manchester, his total being 667 against the Australian's 382. Newman converted his unfinished 98 to 226, and afterwards had breaks of 448 and 65 (unfinished). Lindrum's best breaks were 244 and 89. Interval scores:—Lindrum (rec. 3,000), 3,799; Newman (in play), 2,001.

Newman scored exactly twice as fast as Lindrum in the evening session, his total being 668, and that of the Australian 334. Newman took his incomplete innings to 345, and afterwards had breaks of 134, 145 and 36 unfinished; but Lindrum again failed to register a century run, his best being 83. Closing scores:—Lindrum (rec. 3,000), 4,141; Newman (in play), 2,669.

SMITH V. CARPENTER.

Smith completely overwhelmed Carpenter in yesterday afternoon's session of their time-limit match at Thurston's Hall, London. He totalled 1,542, as against Carpenter's 155. Smith's best breaks were 568, 381, 244, 291 and 312 (unfinished). Carpenter's only break was 90. Interval scores:—Carpenter (rec. 4,000), 4,972; Smith (in play), 3,814.

Carpenter's lead was reduced to 505 in the evening session, during which Smith aggregated 1,135 and the Welshman 480. Smith, who averaged 162, had breaks of 413 (full), 291, 178 and 423, and Carpenter 276 and 133.

Smith's break of 568 was his sixty-eighth of five hundred or more of the season, and he equalled his own record. Closing scores—Carpenter (rec. 4,000), 5,452; Smith (in play), 4,949.

HUNTING.—Reports from the various Packs and List of Appointments appear in "THE IRISH FIELD"; also Provisional Dates of Point-to-Point Fixtures and Hunt Balls. Published every Saturday. Price 2d.—(Advt.)

KEMPTON PARK.

FOG, BUT NO FROST.

Racing would have been possible at Kempton Park yesterday, although there was a distinct mist. There was, however, no sign of frost, and possibly the only danger to-day will be fog, which is still hanging about the Thames Valley. Unfortunately, the principal race, the Kempton Park Handicap Hurdle, will not attract a big field, as there was a small entry, and only ten accepted.

Courtship is said to be very much expected to win this, and on his last running he has a reasonable chance, as in the placings behind Ponorogo at Gatwick, where he finished a neck behind English Fare, he was receiving 7lb., and to-day he will be receiving 11lb. Invermark has not won over hurdles for nearly twelve months, and ran badly at Lingfield last time out, as did Montpelier. Rathnally won his last race easily enough, and may be dangerous.

Beau de Ghent is quite favourably handicapped, but makes less appeal than the bottom weight, Auditor. English Fare won the race twelve months ago, and will be a thorn in the side of the best of the opposition, but Courtship may win on this occasion.

There will not be more than eight or nine starters for the Littleton Handicap Steeplechase, in which Firecracker will carry top weight. He came to grief last time out, but had previously won in good style at Birmingham and Gatwick. Maximus started favourite when second to Saunter at Windsor, but he may not be capable of conceding 13lb. to Footer. The issue is left to Maximus and Footer, with preference for the latter.

The Amateurs' Handicap Steeplechase should be within the scope of Soldier's Joy, who is a useful staying "lepper."

SELECTIONS.

Sunbury Selling Hurdle Race—**Zero.**
Weybridge Selling Handicap Steeplechase—**Benjamin Cherry.**
Kempton Park Handicap Hurdle Race—**Courtship.**
Littleton Handicap Steeplechase—**Footer** (nap).
Amateurs' Handicap Steeplechase—**Soldier's Joy.**
Middlesex Hurdle Race—**Gainsharp.**

DOUBLE—**Footer and Gainsharp.**

PROBABLE STARTERS AND BETTING.

1.30—SUNBURY SELLING HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. Four-year-olds. 2 m.

	st.	lb.
SMALL POLLY (Mr. Bates) ......Thrale	10	12
PHAETON (Mr. Davis) ......Woodland	10	12
GAFADOUN (Mr. Dollar) ......Payne	10	12
THE TYKE (Mr. T. A. Edge) ......Poole	10	12
SWANSDOWN (Mr. Emanuel) Chapman	10	12
SOUCAR (Mr. D. M. Gant) Hammond	10	12
KERMAN (Mr. T. F. Hooley) ...Cockton	10	12
SHIREHERB (Mr. Larkin) ......Larkin	10	12
SKIPTON (Miss Lewis) ......Powell	10	12
NEAR EAST (Mr. Platt) ......Poole	10	12
JOHN HAIG (Mrs. Rihill) ......A. Law	10	12
NURSEMAID (Miss Rodocanachi) Powell	10	12
CARDAMON (Mr. Savile) ......Beary	10	12
DANDY DENNIS (Mr. Walton) Butchers	10	12
ZERO (Mr. B. Warner) ......O. Anthony	10	12
PILGRIM'S BELLE (Mr. Wootton) Wootton	10	12

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
010	SMALL POLLY ...... Thrale	8/1
0	GAFADOUN ...... W. Payne	10/1
1	THE TYKE ...... Stott	5/2
0	SWANSDOWN ...... Rayson	10/1
000	SOUCAR ...... Escott	10/1
005	SKIPTON ...... E. Brown	8/1
302	JOHN HAIG ...... G. Turner	7/1
302	CARDAMON ...... Doherty	5/1
022	DANDY DENNIS ...... L. Butchers	11/2
013	ZERO ...... Pellerin	7/2
0	PILGRIM'S BELLE ...... Marshall	6/1
0	SHIREHERB ...... Barker	10/1

2.0—WEYBRIDGE SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. 2½ m.

	Age	st.	lb.
CAT BURGLAR (Mr. E. G. Goby) Goby	a	12	7
HYMIR (Mrs. G. Milnes) ......Milnes	a	12	6
BENJAMIN CHERRY (Lt.-Col. S. S. Hill Dillon) ......Woodland	a	12	2
PEACEFUL PROSPECTS (Mr. H. M. Beaufos) ......A. Law	a	11	12
ROGIOSKO (Mr. Cotterell) ......Pendarves	a	11	11
ROMAN HACKLE (Mr. Bellville) ......Hall	a	11	10
ROI ROUGE (Sir Peter Grant Lawson) Pendarves	a	11	7
KINAWLEY (Mr. T. Hartigan) ...Goby	a	11	6
INDIA'S CHARM (Mr. H. Napier Magill) O. Anthony	6	11	3
LETHAM (Mr. R. Gore) ......Gore	a	11	3
CAMPERDOWN (Mr. K. Goode) S. Bennet	a	10	12
ANILLAE (Major H. Misa) ...H. Smyth	a	10	10
BLAKESLEY (Mrs. S. Jones) ......Stanley	a	10	8
IRISH CHEDDAR (Mr. D. Henenge) Hall	a	10	8
BETYAR (Capt. W. McMullen) McMullen	a	10	0
MAIDSTOWN (Mr. J. Mayo) ...C. Young	a	10	0

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
210	BENJAMIN CHERRY Col. Hill Dillon	2/1
100	KINAWLEY ...... F. Brookes	8/1
220	ROI ROUGE ...... Sir P. Lawson	7/1
401	INDIA'S CHARM ...... T. James	7/2
043	CAMPERDOWN ...... Mr. K. Goode	5/1
033	ANILLAE ...... Major H. Misa	10/1
303	BLAKESLEY ...... Thrale	10/1
023	IRISH CHEDDAR ...... G. Wilson	6/1
300	MAIDSTOWN ...... Escott	5/1

2.30—KEMPTON PARK HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 250 sovs. 2 m.

	Age	st.	lb.
INVERMARK (Mr. Richards) Nightingall	a	12	7
MONTPELIER (Ld. Beaverbrook) Wootton	a	12	5
DOVEDALE (Mrs. Rihill) ......Law	5	12	4
ENGLISH FARE (Mr. Coltman) Butchers	a	12	4
RATHNALLY (Baron de Tuyll) Hartigan	5	12	1
LACOCK (Mr. J. Baylis) ......Hackett	a	11	10
COURTSHIP (Mr. Halse) ......Martin	6	11	7
BEAU DE GHENT (Mr. Gant) Hammond	5	11	4
PRINCE CHERRY (Capt. Norman) Gore	5	11	3
AUDITOR (Mr. Whiteman) ......Hare	4	11	1

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
300	INVERMARK ...... Speck	7/1
100	MOUNTPELIER ...... Marshall	8/1
220	DOVEDALE ...... G. Turner	10/1
312	ENGLISH FARE ...... Stott	4/1
101	RATHNALLY ...... Ingham	7/2
100	LACOCK ...... Graves	6/1
033	COURTSHIP ...... Pellerin	5/2
000	BEAU DE GHENT ...... Escott	10/1
000	PRINCE CHERRY ...... R. M'Carthy	100/8
022	AUDITOR ...... F. Grantham	5/1

3.0—LITTLETON HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. 2 m.

	Age	st.	lb.
FIRECRACKER (Miss Hubbersty) Rayson	a	12	7
MAXIMUS (Mr. W. Clarke) ...... Goby	a	12	6
GOLD FLARE (Mr. Woodville) Stubbs	a	12	0
ARDAILE (Capt. Bibby) ... Withington	a	11	13
PRIDE OF THE MORNING (Maj. Montenore) ......Woodland	a	11	11
FOOTER (Mr. Savill) ... F. Hartigan	6	11	7
THE MOY (Mr. Henderson) ... Payne	a	11	7
ROMAN ROAD (Mr. Mealings) Butchers	a	11	6
START AGAIN (Mr. Hartigan) Bennet	a	11	3
SLIEVE RUE (Mr. Bostwick) Hastings	a	11	2
GIB (Ld. Killeen) ......Woodland	6	11	2
GEORGE G. (Mr. Brook) ... Thompson	a	10	12
DRUMHIRK (Mr. Deterding) R. Payne	a	10	11
GLEN FALLOCH (Mr. Burkill) Leader	a	10	11
HEREWITH (Mr. Bostwick) ...Hastings	5	10	9
LARGIE (Mr. W. Harris) ... Chapman	6	10	7
STAR SAINT (Mrs. Rihill) ...... A. Law	6	10	7
ALEPPON (Mr. Barclay) ...... Pickles	a	10	6

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
002	MAXIMUS ...... F. Brookes	7/2
224	ARDAILE ...... McNeill	4/1
111	PRIDE OF THE MORNING ...Farrell	5/1
122	FOOTER ...... F. Rees	11/4
100	GIB ...... Lord Killeen	8/1
240	DRUMHIRK ......Mr. Deterding	7/1
210	GLEN FALLOCH ......T. Leader	5/1
103	LARGIE ...... F. Cullen	10/1
000	ALEPPON ...... Chisman	100/8

3.30—AMATEURS' HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. 3 m.

	Age	st.	lb.
THE ACE II. (Mr. Strassburger) Poole	a	12	8
LUTOI (Capt. Speed) ...... Anthony	a	12	3
ARDEEN (Sir K. Fraser) ...... Owner	a	12	1
RATHLUCK (Mr. Deterding) ... Payne	a	12	1
SKRUN PRINCE (Col. Stewart) Rimell	a	12	1
OVERDRAFT (Mr. S. Villar) ... Powell	a	12	0
GOLDEN STREET (Capt. Sassoon) Martin	a	12	0
MUSTER (Mr. B. W. Ancil) ...... Ancil	a	11	13
FOXTROT (Capt. Lumsden) ...Woodland	a	11	10
HAWKER (Capt. Grant) ...... Payne	a	11	10
DENBURGH (Mr. F. Ussher) ... Smyth	a	11	10
SOLDIER'S JOY (Mr. Barratt) Woodland	a	11	10
ROSSIENY Mr. Emanuel) ... Chapman	a	11	9
STAGE MANAGEMENT (Maj. Norrie) Bennett	a	11	9
SHAUN GOILIN (Mr. Midwood) F. Hartigan	a	11	7
RARE SORT (Mr. R. Gore) ... Gore	a	11	5
STASH (Lady McCalmont) ...... Gore	a	11	5
TOY BELL (Mr. S. Villar) ...... Powell	a	11	5
BALLYFINAGHY (Mr. A. Willis) Pardy	a	11	4
FINE YARN (Sir P. Lawson) Pendarves	a	11	3
FERRANS (Capt. de Trafford) Hartigan	a	11	3
DWARF OF THE FOREST (Mr. Kennard) ...... Thompson	a	11	3
ÆSOP (Mr. Roddick) ...... Woodland	a	11	2
IRISH TEMPLE (Mr. Blagrave) Owner	a	11	2
VICE ADMIRAL (Mr. Birkbeck) Leader	a	10	10
PRIMING PAN (Mr. Bostwick) Hastings	a	10	10
CLIMBER (Mr. Cotterell) ... Pendarves	a	10	7
MAY-EVE (Mr. Pennington) ... Cockton	a	10	7

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
500	GOLDEN STREET ......Capt. Sassoon	8/1
102	ARDEEN ...... Mr. Bissill	5/1
101	SKRUN PRINCE ......Capt. Weber	7/2
200	MUSTER ......Mr. B. Ancil	10/1
120	SOLDIER'S JOY ......Capt. Gossage	9/2
443	SHAUN GOILIN ......Mr. Dutton	6/1
03	STASH ......Capt. M. Dennis	7/1
203	TOY BELL ......Mr. R. Bennett	8/2
104	AESOP ......Mr. Roddick	10/1
302	IRISH TEMPLE ......Mr. Whitfield	100/8
000	FERRANS ......Mr. K. Goode	10/1
014	FINE YARN ......Mr. H. Smyth, jun.	8/1

4.0—MIDDLESEX HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. 2 m.

	Age	st.	lb.
RESIDUE (Mr. B. Warner) ......Anthony	5	12	6
CAPORAL (Mr. J. de Rothschild) Pratt	5	12	6
BLUE VINNY (Mr. J. Chapman) Owner	5	12	6
THE WOLF (Mr. H. Simmond) J. Scott	a	12	0
CALIBRE (Lord Stanley) ...Nightingall	6	12	0
SKY PILOT (Maj. Stevens) ......MacColl	a	12	0
BEGGAR'S END (Lord Queenborough) Bennett	a	12	0
HENRI DE NAVARRE (Mrs. Cohn) Hare	6	12	0
MAY SNOW (Mr. F. Barbour) ...Pardy	a	11	10
LA TRACE (Mr. R. Brendon) ...Holland	5	11	10
VALOIS (Sir G. Bullough) ......Hastings	5	11	10
SCIMITAR (Mr. Combe) ...... T. Leader	5	11	10
ALAN MALONE (Mr. Cunliffe) Woodland	5	11	10
LORDLAND (Contessa Elia) ...Hartigan	5	11	10
ROYAL ROWLAND (Mr. V. Emanuel) C. Chapman	5	11	10
LADY BICKLEY (Maj. Evans) ...Private	5	11	10
LANDWADE (Mr. A. Gardner) Hackett	5	11	10
SONNY (Mrs. Hartigan) ......Wilmot	5	11	10
WEST BUCKLAND (Mr. Lister) Fitton	5	11	10
ALL OVER (Ld. Marchamley) Thompson	5	11	10
BALLYSCANLON (Mr. Martin) Edwards	5	11	10
CONCILIATOR (H.H. Maharaja of Rajpipla) ......Pugh	5	11	10
BATTALION (Capt. R. Sassoon) Martin	5	11	10
GAINSHARP (Baron de Tuyll) Hartigan	5	11	10
CRATLOE (Mrs. M. Williams) ...Private	5	11	10
PEERTOI (Mr. S. Wootton) F. Wootton	4	11	8
WONDROUS (Lady McCalmont) ...Gore	4	11	8
MISCOU (Lord Beaverbrook) F. Wootton	4	10	12
ROYAL ANTHEM (Mr. A. Bendon) Woodland	4	10	12
YATHO (Mr. H. G. Blagrave) ......Owner	4	10	12
MARCONIGRAM (Lord Dewar) Hastings	4	10	12
TALPA (Sir Frederick Eley) ......Pugh	4	10	12
GILDED PRINCESS (Mr. H. Martin) Edwards	4	10	12
PURPLE WAVE (Sir G. Noble) Whitaker	4	10	12
PRINCE'S COVERT (Maj. Pryce) Law	4	10	12
SILVER ARGOS (Lord Queenborough) G. Bennett	4	10	12
GRANGE VIEW (Mr. G. Rigby) ...Gore	4	10	12
RISEN STAR (Mrs. L. Rihill) ......Law	4	10	12
WADI HALFA (Mrs. Roberts) ...Roberts	4	10	12
FESTUM (Mr. H. Scott) ...... Killalee	4	10	12
WILDRAKE (Mrs. Selincourt) ...Anthony	4	10	12

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast
231	CAPORAL ...... T. Morgan	6/1
211	BLUE VINNY ...... Capt. Weber	6/4
000	CALIBRE ...... Speck	8/1
	LORDLAND ...... Keogh	100/8
000	ROYAL ROWLAND ...... Rayson	100/8
050	BATTALION ...... J. Hogan	10/1
430	BALLYSCANLON ...... Sergeant	10/1
400	LANDWADE ...... L. Rees	100/8
33	GAINSHARP ...... Ingham	7/1
41	PEERTOI ...... Marshall	3/1
330	CRATLOE ...... J. Hamey	10/1
0	MISCOU ...... Crump	100/8
000	ROYAL ANTHEM ...... Moloney	100/8
0	PURPLE WAVE ...... C. Rhodes	10/1
330	RISEN STAR ...... Stott	8/1
122	WONDROUS ...... T. Leader	5/1

RUGBY.

WALES v. SCOTLAND.

THE WELSH XV.

The Welsh team to meet Scotland at Swansea on Saturday, February 2nd, was selected at Cardiff yesterday evening as follows:—

J. Basset (Penarth), full-back; J. C. Morley (Newport), H. M. Bowcott (Cardiff and Cambridge), W. G. Morgan (Swansea and Cambridge), and John Roberts (Cardiff and Cambridge), three-quarters; W. C. Powell (London Welsh) and Frank Williams (Cardiff), half-backs; C. Pritchard (Pontypool), F. A. Bowdler (Cross Keys), D. R. Jenkins (Swansea), T. Arthur (Neath), Harold Jones (Neath), Ivor Jones (Llanelly), A. Broughton (Treorchy), and H. Peacock (Newport), forwards.

The side shows four changes from that beaten by England at Twickenham last Saturday, Bowcott, Williams, Broughton and Peacock coming in for Gwynne Davies, W. Roberts, Watcyn Thomas, and R. Jones.

There are three new "caps"—Bowcott, Williams and Peacock.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Blackrock College 3rd v. College of Surgeons. Williamstown.
University College 3rd v. Ballymahon. Terenure.
Mountjoy School (S.C.T.) v. Belvedere College (S.C.T.). Jones's road, 3 o'c.
Mountjoy School 2nd v. High School 2nd. Howth road.
Portora R.S. v. Wesley College. Enniskillen.
C.U.S. (J.C.T.) v. Mountjoy School (J.C.T.). Bath avenue.
High School (S.C.T.) v. King's Hospital (S.C.T.). Belgrave square, 3 o'c.

TEAMS FOR TO-DAY.

Mountjoy School (S.C.T.)—W. Smith; G. A. Cashell, J. Miley, E. G. Parke, J. W. D. McDonald; C. Patterson, G. A. Wright; J. W. Finlay (½), W. J. Hall (capt.), G. McGibney, J. S. East, G. T. Keays, S. A. Wilsdon, R. Buchan, W. T. Collier.

King's Hospital (S.C.T.)—J. G. Gash; A. W. Mitchell, N. C. Mahony, C. I. McCollum, G. R. McCollum; R. W. Lambert, G. G. Patterson (scrum); J. C. Patton (capt.), R. A. Bond, A. R. McNeill, R. J. Bailey, S. J. Stacey, W. V. Emery, D. M. Hudson, C. H. Russell.

SALE OF BLOODSTOCK AT KILMESSAN.

Messrs. Patrick Smith and Son, auctioneers, Navan, yesterday held a clearance sale of Mr. Joseph Wilkinson's brood mares and yearlings at Walterstown, Kilmessan. Four brood mares were disposed of, the top figure being 150 gns. for Story Book, which was purchased by Mr. Thomas Clarke, of Navan. Another mare, the 17-year-old Belle of Clonmel, was knocked down at 115 gns. to Mr. James Finnegan, Robinstown. A nine-year-old mare, Starstone, by Prospector out of Actress, fell to Mr. William Mullen, Kells, for 40 gns. Campanile, foaled 19 years back, went for 7 gns. to Mr. Patrick Cleary. The yearlings were eagerly sought after. A nice chestnut colt foaled last April, by Torlonia out of Belle of Clonmel, went for 350 gns. to Mr. Thomas Clarke, who also gave 280 gns. for a brown filly foaled last May, by Torlonia out of Actress. Mr. T. J. Fleming secured a bay colt by Mount William out of Story Book for 120 gns. A bay colt of Prospector strain for 32 gns. went to Mr. Frank Cannon, Swords. A number of working horses were also disposed of.

GOLF.

LEINSTER GOLFERS' ALLIANCE.

The following fixture list has been arranged for the remainder of this season:—10th February, Fourball at Hermitage G.C.; 3rd March, aggregate fourball stroke competition at Woodbrook G.C.; 20th March, *Irish Times* Shield Competition at Portmarnock G.C. A match is being arranged v. the Ulster Golfers' Alliance in March or early April.

ELM PARK.

Ladies' Branch—This evening at 7.30 p.m., annual general meeting in clubhouse.

GREYSTONES.

Ladies' Branch—Monthly medal, strokes, on Friday, January 25th.

SUTTON.

Foursomes—J. A. Doyle and G. J. Moore (23½), 76½; W. J. Gill and P. W. Maguire (5), 77.

KILLINEY.

Ladies' Branch—Friday, January 25th—Annual general meeting in clubhouse at 3 p.m. Result of January competitions:—Medal, Class I.—Mrs. Maunsell (18), 84. Class II.—Miss Classon (29), 83. Winner of silver spoon—Mrs. Creuss-Callaghan 71, 72, 74—total 217.

CLONTARF.

Ladies' Branch—The annual general meeting will be held in the clubhouse on Thursday, January 24th, at 3 o'clock.

CURRAGH.

Ladies' Branch — Winner of I.L.G.U. silver spoon—Mrs. Sheridan, 70 (35), 71 (34), 71 (34) =212. Nine-hole sweepstakes. Winner—Mrs. Sheridan, 39.

BELLINTER PARK.

The sixth annual general meeting was held in the Russell Arms Hotel, Navan, the president, Mr. C. H. Briscoe, presiding. The balance sheet showed a very satisfactory state of affairs. Mr. C. H. Briscoe was re-elected president. Messrs. P. J. McQuillan and J. J. Spicer were re-elected vice-presidents, Mr. E. J. Duffy captain, and Messrs. T. Noonan and James Spicer hon. treasurer and hon. secretary. The following were elected by ballot to fill six vacancies on the council:—Messrs. F. J. Moore, A. Steen, S. E. Walker, L. Steen, A. J. Lambkin and J. Walsh. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. L. Steen for the way in which the course was kept during the year.

CASTLE.

Fourball v. bogey (9-hole sweep)—W. H. O'Donnell (12) and P. J. Collins (18), 2 up; A. F. Byrne (13) and E. Byrne (17), 1 up*; R. Beattie (5) and F. H. Knee (8), 1 up; L. M. Brady (19) and C. Faulkner (16), 1 up; T. Scully (22) and W. Lawler (22), 1 up; G. Findlay (24) and A. K. Austin (21), 1 up. *Tie for second prize was decided by lot, and was won by Byrne and Byrne. Fifty-six entries.

ARKLOW.

Mixed Foursomes—J. J. S. Potter and Mrs. J. O'Rafferty beat T. Birthistle and Mrs. Egsham (5 and 4), qualifying for the final. Ladies' January Medal—Won by Mrs. J. T. Fleming (90 net). Monthly Medal (Men)—Cards can be taken out on the first Wednesday and the following Saturday and Sunday of each month. Next medal will be the February one.

FOXROCK.

LADIES BRANCH.—Winners of silver spoon, 1928: Mrs. Redington Roche, 237; Mrs. Richardson, 238.

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COURSING.

TETRARCH CUP.

KILKENNY—TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

THE DRAW.

Judge—Mr. Murphy. Slipper—M. Horan.

TETRARCH CUP (to be won twice in succession or three times in all), value 50 guineas, presented by Major Dermot McCalmont. For 32 all-ages, permanent nominators, at £5 5/- each. Present holder Mr. N. McSweeney. Second, £30; two dogs, £8 10/- each; four dogs, £5 5/- each.

Mr. Connolly's Charming Cousin agst. Mr. J. Kelly ns. Hidden Maid.
Mr. P. M. O'Briens' Ocean Brigand agst. Mr. T. O'Brien's Odd Battler.
Mr. D. J. Gorey's Glenogue agst. Mr. Lawlor ns. Ishabran.
Mr. M. J. Mulhall's Oonthac agst. Mr. Harte's Hidden Pride.
Mr. Rogers ns. War Debt agst. Mr. Hickey ns. My Deal.
Mr. Renehan's Real Rustic agst. Mr. J. Murphy's Clongaddy.
Mr. Flynn's Fianna Leader agst. Mr. Pilsworth's Loty.
Mr. Griffin's Steam Thresher agst. Mr. Slater ns. Evening Rambler.
Mr. Darcy ns. Mulla Lad agst. Mr. Shaw's Son of the Sod.
Mr. Power ns. Belmozel agst. Mr. Donovan's Loohas.
Mr. Drennan ns. Dono agst. Mr. Deegan ns Gallant Countryman.
Mr. Mahon ns. High Extra agst. Mr. Butler's Brilliant Morn.
Mr. Clyne ns. Keen Girlie agst. Mr. Power ns. Wise Widow.
Mr. Grace ns. Grand Slam agst. Mr. McSweeney's Market Report.
Lady H. McCalmont ns. Marden agst. Mr. Furness ns. Floating Dick.
Major D. McCalmont ns. Dark Dragoon agst. Mr. Mulligan ns. Porthos.

IRISH NATIONAL BREEDERS' TRIAL STAKE—For 16 puppies. Winner, £19; second, £8; third and fourth £2 10/- each.

Mr. Butler's Brilliant Bremen agst. Mr. Morris's Mat the Thresher.
Mrs. Darcy's Debonairly agst. Messrs. McGrath and Quinn's Castle Boy.
Mr. O'Connell's Eager Eyes agst. Mr. Connolly and Mrs. Walsh's Cara Deas.
Mrs. O'Reilly's Ormac agst. Mr. O'Neill's Calf Meal.
Mr. Henehan's Sean's Own agst. Mr. Egan's Evening Dazzler.
Mr. D. J. Gorey's Grist to the Mill agst. Mr. Power's Picture.
Mrs. Mulhall's Maddoxtown agst. Mr. Lyng's Leningrad.
Mr. Donovan's Gilthawn agst. Mr. Mulhall's Modest Molly.

DANESFORT STAKES—For 16 puppies. Winner, £30; second, £8; third and fourth £2 each.

Mr. Harney's Hydranga agst. Mr. Shaw's Shanacoventy.
Mr. O'Gorman's Kilcash Castle agst. Mr. Mulhall's Miscall.
Mr. Dunphy's Dashing Flier agst. Mr. Carroll's Composure.
Mr. Henehan's Sean's Folly agst. Mr. D. Gorey's Gilt Formula.
Mr. McSweeney's Market Again agst. Mr. Power's Port Wine.
Mr. Murphy's Dashing King agst. Mr. Vaughan's Venter Fair.
Mr. Connolly's Master Speed agst. Mr. Sawtell's Melksham Enthusiastic.
Mr. Shaw's Sheila Again agst. Mr. Brennan's Diotraphes.

THE SEVEN HOUSES STAKES—For 14 bitch puppies. Winner, £18; second, £6; third and fourth, £2 each.

Miss Quinn's Quine agst. Mr. Clifford's Cupid's Favourite.
Miss O'Reilly's Orbina agst. Mr. Long's Light Bead.
Miss Walsh's Waltz the Hall agst. Mr. Mulhall's Lodge Park.
Mr. Henehan's Haboo agst. Mr. Brennan's Birchfield Peg.
Mr. Mulhall's Martin's Darling agst. Mr. Barden's Peggy Long.
Mrs. Noonan's Nankipoo agst. Mr. Harney's Head First.
Mr. D. Gorey's Girl Graduate agst. Miss O'Connell's O. Cutlet.

CARNAMON STAKES—For 16 all-ages. Winner, £15; second, £6; two dogs, £1 10/- each.

Mr. Morris's Munster Fusilier agst. Mr. Whelan's Woven Gold.
Mr. Quinn's Tipperary Hills agst. Mr. Lynch's Littleton.
Mr. Cavanagh's Cariara agst. Mr. Connolly and Mrs. Walsh's Carriagal.
Mr. Gorey's Glaring Torch agst. Mr. Loughlin's Latest Speed.
Mr. Mulhall's Mount Verdon agst. Mr. Butler's Barlock.
Messrs. Murphy and Kennedy's Kind Girl agst. Mr. Henehan's Wee Chance.
Mr. Crotty's Cunnigar Glen agst. Mr. Murphy's April Morn.
Mr. Lyng's Lively 'Un agst. Mr. Kennedy's Clashnasmatch Rose.

CUFFE GRANGE STAKES—For 16 all-ages (one course duffers). Winner, £10; second, £4; two dogs, £1 each.

Mr. McSweeney's Glenview Rover agst. Mr. N. Gorey's Grave Moment.
Mr. Mulhall's Mount Juliet agst. Mr. O'Brien's Billy Lad.
Mr. Murphy's Halcyon agst. Mr. Mulhall's Misty Memory.
Mr. Morris's My Courier agst. Mrs. Hickey's He Revoked.
Mr. O'Connell's Plunder Road agst. Mr. Murphy's Madowe Swell.
Miss Dalton's Dusty Girl agst. Mr. Barron's Be Hopeful.
Mr. Drennan's Dainty Lassie agst. Mr. Lowe's Lilac Bead.
Mr. Brennan's Birchfield Gip agst. Miss Murphy's Mysterious Gift.

TO-MORROW'S MEETINGS.

BALLYMENA.

THE DRAW.

Judge—Mr. S. Keating. Slipper—M. Horan.

NATIONAL BREEDERS' TRIAL STAKE—For 16 puppies.

Mr. J. Kane's Belfast Castle agst. Mr. William Hunter's Runner Duck.
Mr. William Walton's Willing Wasp agst. Messrs. McMaster and McKnight's Golden Folly.
Mr. Joseph Shaw's Slieve Bernagh agst. Mr. R. Simpson's Speak Your Mind.
Mr. M. McKeown's Dragon's Flight agst. Mr. J. McKee's Brockerstown.
Mr. H. Mussen's Malapterurus agst. Mr. P. McKittrick's Druckendult Lass.
Mr. S. Hamilton's Branial Girl agst. Mr. D. Gillen's Green Tower.
Mr. W. Henry's Honeymoon agst. Mr. H. McAlinden's Mount Sorrell.
Mr. T. Stewart's Sadie's Fancy agst. Mr. L. Nash's Nellie B.

THE CROMAC CUP—Open. For 16 all-ages.

Dr. B. M. Lynam's Land League agst. Mr. A. McAuley's Craigy Yet.
Mr. W. Henry's Hard Walnut agst. Mr. H. Mussen's Malusk Masher.
Mr. H. Gourley's Handkow agst. Mr. J. McKee's The Mons Star.
Messrs. R. and J. Kells' Keystone agst. Mr. H. McAlinden's Mascaron.
Mr. R. Morton's Fair Airs agst. Mr. R. Girvan's Clubland Boy.
Mr. L. Nash's Bashful Bingo agst. Mr. J. Kennedy's Misbehaviour.
Mr. John Kennedy's Shadow agst. Mr. W. Robinson's Red Seal.
Mr. J. Shaw's Time Up agst. Messrs. R. and J. Kells' Keen Blade.

THE MEMBERS' STAKE—For 15 two-course maiden puppies.

Mr. J. T. McCracken's Company Promoter agst. Mr. T. McCurdy's Slemish Lad.
Mr. A. McCoy's Melibus agst. Mr. P. McKittrick's Pharus Paddy.
Mr. S. Hamilton's Branial Boy agst. Mr. H. Mussen's Moving Machine.
Mr. R. Simpson's Clandyboy agst. Mr. J. Corr's Ballyhenry Lad.
Mr. J. V. McCutcheon's Veracious agst. Mr. H. Hogg's Hayes' Fancy.
Mr. T. Stewart's Star of Gold agst. Mr. R. Scott's Maid of Cloughmills.
Mr. H. McAlinden's Morella agst. Mr. J. McAuley's Nappin Queen.
Mr. J. Moore's Lady Laharna, a bye.

THE SLEMISH STAKE — For 12 one-course maidens.

Mr. B. McCloskey's Blaze Away agst. Mr. R. Green's Alloa.
Mr. J. Weir's Prince Luxur agst. Mr. D. Craig's Daniel Just Coming.
Miss R. McAlinden's Mourne Dick agst. Mr. H. Mussen's Mourne Man.
Mr. H. Mussen's More Storm agst. Mr. J. Patton's Some Lady.
Mr. S. Carmichael's Sandy Coast agst. Mr. J. Graham's Crevina.
Mr. William Allen's Armada agst. Mr. W. B. Wilson's Shining Star.

HEADFORD.

THE DRAW.

Judge—Mr. J. Meehan. Slipper—T. M'Gowan.

THE LODGE STAKES—For 15 puppies. Winner, £20; second, £8; two dogs, £2 each.

Mr. T. Murphy's Jenico agst. Mr. Ml. Prendergast's Feach Dubh.
Mr. P. Greaney's Larry The Flail agst. Mr. P. Baynes's Bunrower Lass.
Mrs. Lavelle's Bungalow Boy agst. Mr. John O'Malley's Clew Bay Boy.
Mr. W. J. Staunton's Black Flash agst. Mr. H. M. Burke's Annie Doon.
Mr. M. Conway's Orange Crake agst. Mrs. K. F. Thornton's Silly.
Mr. James Murphy's Mac Sgeolain agst. Mrs. Egan's Guiding Wish.
Mr. P. Lydon's Linderamaun agst. Mr. James Murphy's Tickling.
Mrs. T. H. Taylor's Town Star, a bye.

THE KILLURSG STAKES—For 16 all-ages.

Mr. J. Griffey's R.S.K.'s Hope agst. Mr. J. Morrisroe's Mirthful Billy.
Mr. R. Taylor's Thirlmoor agst. Mr. P. J. Mangan's Magic Demon.
Mr. J. Brennan's Aunt Agatha agst. Mr. T. Ruane's Mick's Darling.
Mr. T. H. Taylor's Town Lady agst. Mr. P. J. Mulligan's Guiding Cloud.
Mr. Wm. Quinn's Flyng Glory agst. Mr. J. Murphy's Mayo Laddie.
Mr. J. Kyne's Callia Lass agst. Mr. J. Bourke's Dunloch Pass.
Mr. M. Geraghty's Clogher Cross agst. Mr. M. Harte's Picture Beauty.
Mr. P. Hynes's Cutlets Best agst. Mr. P. J. Mulligan's Guiding Finger.

THE HEADFORD STAKES—For 9 all-ages. Winner, £16; second, £6 10/.

Mr. D. Dwyer's Carrigneeney agst. Miss Baird's Max Paur.
Mr. P. J. Nagle's Never Fear agst. Messrs. T. Cusack and P. J. M'Cormack's Radiant Mystery.
Mr. T. H. Taylor's Town Spark agst. Mr. J. M. Burke's June Light.
Mr. M. Kenny's Gainer agst. Mr. P. Hughes's Woodville Gent.
Mr. M. Corbett's Hotcap, a bye.

KILKEE.

THE DRAW.

THE DUNLICKY STAKE—For 6 puppies. Winner, £11; second, £4.

Mr. M. Henchey's Hare Slide agst. Mr. M. Blake's O'Brazil.
Mr. T. Costelloe's Capanmore agst. Mr. M. Blake's Brigantine.
Mr. P. Downe's Suzane agst. Mr. A. Taly's Thurcughthue Girl.

THE KILKEE STAKE—For 5 all-ages. Winner, £10; second, £3.

Mr. H. Lillis's Dawn of Freedom agst. Mrs. J. O'Farrell's Fair Island Fancy.
Mr. P. Tubridy's Joe Loftus agst. Mr. J. O'Connell's Relantando.
Mr. P. F. Tubridy's Duty Free, a bye.

THE MEMBERS' STAKE—For 18 all-ages. Winner, £15; second, £6; one dog, £3.

Mr. J. M'Carthy's Captain Cross agst. Mr. M. O'Dea's Stairnile.
Mr. P. F. Tubridy's Tidy Kate agst. Mr. S. Collins's Colossal.
Mr. S. Madigan's Kilrush Girl agst. Mr. J. O'Shea's Pound Street Bridge.
Mr. P. Downe's Spalding Double agst. Mrs. K. Kelly's O'Kelly.
Mr. M. Cooney's Spotted Guard agst. Mr. P. F. Turbidy's Blackest.
Mr. D. Falvey's Wasting Girl agst. Mr. T. Hennessy's Henelton.
Mr. D. Falvey's Magner's Pet agst. Mr. A. M'Inerney's Clare Rose.
Mr. S. J. Matthews's Madura agst. Mr. A. Burke's Blink Eyes.
Mr. D. Falvey's Lady Mustard agst. Mr. Halpin's Go On Mary Anne.

WATERLOO CUP.

JUDGE AND SLIPPER APPOINTED.

Mr. A. E. Brice has been elected judge and E. W. Rimmer appointed slipper at the forthcoming Waterloo Meeting.

MR. GORDON SMITH'S NOMINATION.

Mr. A. Gordon Smith, who won the Waterloo Cup with Golden Seal two years ago, will this season, all going well, run the third season bitch Golden Surprise. She has won twenty-one courses out of twenty-three. She will not run in public before the Waterloo Cup, but is expected to be quite fit on the day. Miss K. Gordon Smith's Keen Scamp is in reserve in case anything happens to Golden Surprise.

HUNTING.

APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

January.	Meet.	Hour.
To-day	Batterstown	1.30
Saturday, 26th	Palmerstown	1.30
THE KILDARE.		
Thursday, 24th	Davidstown Cross-roads	11. 0
Saturday, 26th	Maynooth	11. 0
THE MEATH.		
Thursday, 24th	Headford	11. 0
Friday, 25th	Clonsilla House	11. 0

SOUTH COUNTY DUBLIN HARRIERS (formerly Hillside)—These hounds will meet on Saturday, 26th inst., at Kingswood, at 2 p.m. February—Saturday, 2nd, Crumlin Cross; Wednesday, 6th, Rathfarnham; Saturday, 9th, Rathcoole; Wednesday, 13th, Old Bawn; Saturday, 16th, Inchicore (third lock); Wednesday, 20th, Dundrum; Saturday, 23rd, Crumlin Village. At 2 o'clock.

KILKENNY HOUNDS.—January: Monday, 28th, Desart; Wednesday, 30th, Rosbercon. February: Friday, 1st, Clomanto; Saturday, 2nd, Tullogher; Monday, 4th, Summerhill House; Wednesday, 6th, Mullinavat West; Friday, 8th, Freshford; Saturday, 9th, Templeoram; Monday, 11th, Ballysalla Cross roads; Wednesday, 13th, Mullinavat East; Friday, 15th, Ballykeefe Cross roads; Saturday, 16th, Windgap. At 11 o'clock.

KILL HARRIERS.—Change of meet: January—Friday, 25th, Dalystown; Tuesday, 29th, Blackwater.

CO. LIMERICK HOUNDS.

These hounds met at Kilpeacon House on January 14th, but found the home covert blank. Ballyregan held, and there was quite a sharp burst to Maryville, where the fox got to ground.

Finding in Ballycahane bog, a fox went away as if for Patrickswell, but turning at once made a big left-handed circle to Maryville and back into the bog. Leaving again, he crossed the Crecora-Patrickswell road, running on to Attyflint. Leaving the demesne on his right, he went on through Conways over the railway line, where he turned, being eventually lost near Marcarla. Fannesgskin luckily held, as the hunt was miles out of the draw, and a fox went away as for Ballycahane bog, where, after a good deal of hunting, he was left, as scent failed. So ended a very busy day.

Crecora Cross on the 16th was spent chiefly on the Craggs, where hounds were hunting for nearly two hours. As the sun got warmer scent faded away, and hounds had to leave a well-beaten fox which they richly deserved. Kilcosgrove was blank, but Cooltoman held a brace of the most stay-at-home variety, neither of which could be persuaded to leave the covert, and were left. It was a glorious day, but, from the hunting point of view, most disappointing.

At Cherry Grove Cross road on the 17th hounds found at once in Dohora, the fox going away as if for Croom gorse, but, turning left-handed, was marked to ground just short of Mounane. Mounane was blank, and hounds could only hunt a stale line from Liskennet. Both Croom gorse and Lyons failed, but hounds opened at once in Ballinahouna, running smartly down to the river. Scent improving, they fairly flew to Castle Robert bridge, where, bearing left-handed, they raced through Greggs wood towards Clonshire, marking their fox to ground within a field of the old castle. This was a brilliant hunt of twenty-three minutes and a four and a half miles' point and very nearly straight. Mr. Pollok, who was hunting hounds, had not to touch them once. There was hardly the semblance of check, and hounds had a chance of showing how they could really go.

Saturday at Clonshire was very uneventful, with a great deal of hacking. A fox was killed from Keatings after a couple of fields, and another marked to ground from Cappagh.

MEATH HOUNDS.

Monday, 21st January. Ardsallagh.—Began by drawing the gorse covert, and found at once a fox which went away over the avenue and then to the left down towards the house, and back towards the covert to ground. Found then in the old covert. This fox ran by the house and back to the gorse covert to ground. Went next to Churchtown, which was blank. Philpotstown provided a fox which went away by Dunlough, but was headed, and no more was made of it. Went next to Rathnally. A fox from here went away on the near side to Balbray, and then over the Trim road and on over the Black road. Leaving Robinstown on the right, he went on to the road at Shambo, where all trace of him disappeared after a fast fifteen minutes. A fox from Carrolstown went away on the Meathstown side of it, on to Meathstown, out on the far side to Meathstown sticks, then right-handed, and got to ground near Dunderry.

Yesterday the meet was at Killeen Castle. The demesne was drawn blank, and a fox in Gerrardstown got to ground in the covert. From Ross plantation a fox headed for Killeen, but swung short by the right over Belper Hill, and was marked close to Tara Glen. Lismullen, the next drawn, provided a first class hunt of one hour and thirty minutes. Having circled the place first he broke over the road, and pointed for the Decoy, which he left on his right and headed as if for Gerrardstown Castle. Again bearing to the right he left Staffordstown House on his left and with Walterstown also on his left nearly reached Slaneduff before again bending to the right. He crossed the Balrath road as if for Slator's, but swung to the left into Knockcomera wood, the time so far being one hour and ten minutes. He was hunted straight through and out on the far side, and still bearing to the right crossed the road by Rathfeigh mill and straight into Slater's, where hounds were stopped, our hunted fox being seen making back to Lismullen in a very tired state. The longest point was just over four miles from Gerrardstown to Rathfeigh, but it was nearly ten as hounds ran.

ASSOCIATION.

LEINSTER SUSPENSIONS AND A PROTEST.

The Rough Play Committee of the Leinster Football Association met last evening, and suspended the following players who had been reported for various forms of misconduct:—F. Campbell (Richmond United)—one month; J. Lawlor (Mullingar)—two weeks; F. Molloy (Bendigo)—two months; M. Curran (Bendigo)—cautioned; A. McLoughlin (Bendigo)—three months; H. Whelan (Bendigo)—two months.

The Protest and Appeals Committee of the L.F.A. dismissed a protest by Edenville against St. Mary's United, arising out of the Leinster Senior Cup-tie, 2nd round.

INTER-LEAGUE MATCH.

Mr. J. Caswell (Blackburn) has been appointed to referee the Free State v. Irish League match on March 9th.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Jacobs v. Bohemians (Free State Cup, 2nd round replay). Dalymount Park, 2.30.
Shamrock Rovers v. Bray Unknowns (Free State League). Shelbourne Park, 3 o'clock.
University College v. Glasnevin (Leinster Senior Cup replay). Terenure, 2.30.

Bohemians (v. Jacobs, at Dalymount Park)—Capt. H. Cannon; M. O'Kane, J. McCarthy; P. O'Kane, J. McMahon (capt.), A. Morton; J. Bermingham, W. Dennis, J. White, A. Horlacher, P. Kavanagh.

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AMATEUR BOXING.

MEETING AT CORK.

FORMATION OF MUNSTER COUNCIL.

Success attended the initial effort of the Irish Amateur Boxing Association to establish a Munster Provincial Council, for which purpose a meeting was convened by the Central Council, and held last night at the Victoria Hotel, Cork.

The attendance included Chief Superintendent E. Brennan, Messrs. B. St. J. Galvin, M. L. Long, J. J. Healy and T. P. Walsh, of the Central Council, who attended and outlined the object for which the meeting was called.

It was explained that the earnest wish of the Central Council was that amateur boxing in Munster should be placed on a sound basis, and in assembling those present gave evidence of the existence of the right spirit.

It was pointed out that little, if anything, could be done to develop boxing unless it was assisted by local organisations, the *personnel* of which, by local knowledge and associations, would be able to organise and develop boxing much more efficiently than the controlling body situated in Dublin.

The existence of a strong group of clubs in—Cork 3, Limerick 1, Waterford 1, Clonmel 1, Nenagh 1, Clare 1—gave Munster the right to form its own Provincial Council as a separate entity, conducting its own affairs.

It was decided that a Munster Council be formed. The election of a provisional committee resulted as follows:—President—Mr. Barry St. J. Galvin. Hon. Treasurer—Chief Superintendent E. Brennan. Hon. Secretary—Captain L. M. Brennan.

The Munster championships were also discussed, and it was decided to postpone these to the 14th-15th February, to be held at Collins Barracks, Cork.

The closing dates for entries was fixed for 7th February. Intending competitors are requested to communicate with the hon. secretary at the Victoria Hotel, Cork, where the next meeting of the Provisional Council will be held on Monday next.

LEN JOHNSON v. WILLIAMS.

MIDDLE-WEIGHTS AT MANCHESTER.

Len Johnson, of Manchester, one of the cleverest middle-weight boxers in this country, met Jim Williams, of America, at Manchester last night. It was the third meeting of these coloured boxers, the two previous contests having been won by Williams. He is little known in this country, but he possesses an imposing record in America, where he has been actively engaged in the Ring since 1922. Williams twice met Johnny Squires, the Australian champion, and each contest resulted in a draw.

A large number of spectators attended, but they were disappointed with the fight. Williams showed very poor form, and Johnson little or no enterprise. The American was very crude in his methods, and was an easy target for the accurate lefts of Johnson. The latter, however, was content to secure a point victory over an inferior boxer, whom he might easily have beaten earlier.

HOCKEY.

LEINSTER v. ULSTER.

THE LEINSTER XI.

At a meeting of the Leinster Selection Committee held last evening the following were selected to represent Leinster against Ulster at Claremont road on Friday, 1st February, at 3 p.m.:—

Goal—F. Hannon (Pembroke Wanderers).

Full-backs—T. N. Darcy (Royal Navy), M. C. O'Donoghue (Railway Union).

Half-backs—T. H. Ely (Army and Three Rock Rovers), G. Tyndall (Monkstown), N. A. Kinnear (Dublin University).

Forwards—T. C. Browner, C. Sully, V. Sully (Railway Union), C. W. Cook (Kingstown G.S.) (capt.), W. E. Hennessy (Railway Union).

Two changes have been made in the team which defeated Munster at Waterford. T. N. Darcy (R.N.) comes in vice K. Browner, and T. H. Ely (Army) takes the right half position occupied by L. Phillips.

HEAVY SCORING AT EDINBURGH.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY'S DEFEAT.

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Dublin University, who are on a short tour in Scotland, which will embrace St. Andrew's University, Aberdeen University, and a final match against a selected side in Glasgow, played Edinburgh University yesterday. The ground at Craiglockhart, Edinburgh, was hard and rather against Dublin, who, after being in a seemingly hopeless position at half-time, played up brilliantly in the closing stage, and turned a threatened overwhelming defeat into quite a creditable performance.

At the outset Edinburgh had much the best of it, and consistent forward play led to Brooks opening the scoring for the home team. Edinburgh attacked steadily, and Brooks again scored. The Dublin men now played much better, and the dribbling of their forwards was good. Edinburgh's defence, however, was stout. Near half-time Grandy added a third to the Edinburgh total. Half-time: Edinburgh University, 3 goals; Dublin University, nil.

On the restart the Irishmen attacked with great vigour, and Fitt scored a well-deserved goal. Edinburgh improved, and following a fine individual run Brooks scored their fourth goal. Play was now very even, and the Dublin forwards produced some clever work, which resulted in Crawley adding to their score.

The Irish players were very effective at this stage, but could not overcome the two Edinburgh backs, who defended in great style.

Later Brooks scored Edinburgh's fifth and sixth goals. Again in the closing stages Dublin rallied well, and Fitt scored their third and fourth goals. The visitors attacked strongly towards the finish, but could not add to their total. Result:—Edinburgh University, 6 goals; Dublin University, 4 goals.

Dublin University—F. B. Moynihan; R. P. McGarrigle, S. Varian; H. T. Fleming, E. P. Griffith, N. A. Kinnear; J. Good, J. G. Wilson, E. G. Fitt, W. D. Crawley, T. G. McVeagh.

Edinburgh University—B. Kastgir; J. H. Heyworth, S. Ovenissoff; E. B. Rayner, G. C. Sinton, R. Barber; W. Brandon, P. C. Petters, I. E. Brooks, D. Crichton, W. B. Gibson.

ULSTER LADIES' UNION.

FINAL INTERPROVINCIAL.

The Ulster Ladies' Hockey team to meet Leinster at Newtownards on Saturday next has been selected as follows:—Miss B. Rodden (Knock); Mrs. Chartres (Knock), Misses O. Corkey (Victoria College); Marshall (Ards), Archdale (Knock), Wishart (Knock), Corry (Knock), Cowan (Nomads), J. Kirkwood (Knock), C. Rodden (Knock), S. Kirkwood (Knock).

Compared with the team which defeated Leinster last week, Misses Marshall and J. Kirkwood replace Miss Peart and Mrs. Blake.

LEINSTER BRANCH I.H.U.

Clubs running more than one team in the different Cup competitions must register the names of all players on the various teams, other than the last, with the Branch Hon. Secretary before any Cup match takes place.

Results of Cup matches must be sent to the Hon. Secretary, W. Chiddick, 5 Claude road, Drumcondra.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY.—General practice at Trinity Hall, 3 p.m. Coaching.

ROCKWELL COLLEGE v. BLACKROCK COLLEGE.—Played at Cashel, and resulted in a win for Blackrock by 3 goals (1 penalty) and 1 try (16 points) to 1 try (3 points).

TO-DAY'S FIXTURE.

Avoca School v. Dublin University (B). Blackrock, 3 p.m.

Avoca School—A. D. Scott; J. G. Franck, D. M. Stewart; D. J. Coulson, R. F. Browne (captain), H. W. Blackwell; J. E. Adamson, B. McM. Kennedy, J. A. MacDonogh, A. S. Meuritz, W. Fry.

SQUASH RACKETS.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

The sixteen ties which comprised the first round of the Women's Squash Rackets Championship, decided yesterday at Queen's Club, London, provided a lot of interesting matches, although many of the games were one-sided. Miss J. Cave, the holder, reached the second round without having to play a match, as her opponent, Miss B. Daniell, scratched. The other winners were Lady Smith Dorrien, the Hon. Mrs. C. N. Bruce, Mrs. H. W. Backhouse, Miss Nancy Cave, Miss S. Noel, Miss S. Huntsman, Miss C. Fenwick, Mrs. G. S. Welte, Miss Haywood, Mrs. Hartley, Miss A. Blake, Miss E. Fordham, Miss P. Blake, Mrs. L. H. Crispe, Miss E. Foster.

SURVEYORS' INSTITUTION.

A meeting of the Irish branch of the Surveyors' Institution was held on Thursday last, Mr. Power-Steele (Chairman) presiding, and there were also present:—Messrs. E. J. Anthony, H. A. Vernon, V. C. Le Fanu, G. C. Townsend, J. Graves Clayton, W. H. F. Verschoyle, C. V. Montgomery, H. Morrison Wood and B. J. Newcombe (Secretary).

The committee again nominated Mr. Harry Franks and Mr. Robert H. R. Stewart as Irish branch representatives for election to the Council for the year 1929-30.

Correspondence relating to the question of compound arrears added to purchase money, Land Act, 1927, was read and considered, and advice for the guidance of land agents on the subject decided upon.

A list of examiners who will set papers in Irish subjects at the forthcoming examinations was submitted and approved.

TIPPERARY MOTOR ACCIDENT.

At Tipperary Circuit Court Patrick Cummins, of Holycross, was awarded £130 and £14 costs as compensation for an injury caused when a motor car, belonging to Patrick O'Connell, Assistant Secretary to the South Tipperary County Board of Health, backed into him and broke his leg.

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SELECTIONS FOR KEMPTON PARK MEETING TO-DAY.

PAPER.	1.30 RACE.	2.0 RACE.	2.30 RACE.	3.0 RACE.	3.30 RACE.	4.0 RACE.
Irish Times	Zero.	Benjamin Cherry.	Courtship.	Footer.*	Soldier's Joy.	Gainsharp.
Galtee More	—	—	Courtship.	Ardaile.	—	Blue Vinny.
S. Life & Sportsman	Zero.	Benjamin Cherry.	Courtship.	Footer.	Ardeen.	Blue Vinny.*
Man on the Spot	The Tyke.	Cat Burglar.	Courtship.*	Footer.	Toy Bell.	Blue Vinny.
Daily Express	Cardamon; if ab., Zero.	Blakesley.*	Courtship.	Pride of the Morning.	Stash; if ab., Rathluck.	Peertoi; if ab., Blue Vinny.
Daily Mirror	Cardamon; if ab., Zero.	India's Charm.	Courtship.* next best.	Slieve Rue.	Ardeen.	Blue Vinny.
Daily Sketch	The Tyke.	India's Charm; if ab., Roi Rouge.	Courtship.*	Maximus; if ab., Footer.	Rathluck; if ab., Ardeen.	Caporal.
Star	Cardamon.	India's Charm.	Courtship.	Drumhirk.	Ardeen.	Blue Vinny.*
Evening News	Zero.*	India's Charm.	English Fare.*	Ardaile.	Priming Pan.	Blue Vinny.
Evening Standard	Gafadoun.	Camperdown.	Courtship.	Glen Falloch.	Stash.	Peertoi.
The Times	The Tyke.	Benjamin Cherry.	Courtship.	Footer.	Priming Pan; if ab., Rathluck.	Peertoi.

CIVIC REFORM IN BELFAST.

PROPOSED BILL DEAD.

CORPORATION AGAINST A PLEBISCITE.

The proposed bill for the reform of the Belfast Corporation was killed at a meeting of the City Council yesterday, when it was decided by a majority to abandon the measure. An amendment, having for its object the taking of a plebiscite of the ratepayers, was defeated; and another to proceed with a new reform bill, in the meantime giving effect to those portions of the reform scheme that did not require parliamentary sanction, was ruled out of order by the Lord Mayor (Sir William Turner) because it did not come within the scope of the summons calling the meeting.

The object of the meeting was to consider the making of a requisition for a poll of the Local Government electors in the city, in view of the rejection of the scheme of reform by a meeting of the ratepayers which was held on the 17th instant.

THE RESOLUTION.

LORD MAYOR'S RULING.

Alderman Major Hall-Thompson said that, as the matter had been fully discussed in committee, he would simply move: "That the Council do not take any further steps in connection with the bill, other than to prepare a new bill, and in the meantime that the Council proceed to give effect to such of the recommendations contained in Mr. Arthur Collins' report as they may consider desirable, and which do not require the authority of Parliament."

Alderman J. A. Duff said that, following the example of Major Hall-Thompson, he would formally second the resolution. When he said formally he did not mean that he did it perfunctorily; and he hoped that that meeting of the Council would act with unity and good-will, and secure the approval of all parties.

Councillor Kilpatrick (Nationalist) supported the motion. By proceeding with the bill as proposed it would still further go to humiliate the Corporation.

The Lord Mayor ruled that only the first paragraph of Alderman Hall-Thompson's motion was in order, the rest being outside the scope of the meeting.

Alderman Major Hall-Thompson then moved the first portion of the motion, and Councillor Adgey moved as an amendment that a plebiscite be held on the bill

This was seconded by Councillor S. D. Cheyne.

Alderman Nixon supported the amendment. He said that a lot of fault had been found with the public meeting. That being so, they should let the public decide the issue once and for all. The clause to give executive powers to committees was nothing but a charter of corruption. He held that under such conditions tenders would be "cooked," and there would be no supervision. Such a proposal would be dangerous and an outrage on democracy.

Councillor Pierce supported the amendment. He had opposed the bill from the earliest stage down to Thursday last, when it was turned down by the ratepayers. It was undemocratic, and ought not to have been forced on the citizens. He, therefore, opposed the suggestion to patch the bill with an amended bill. The assumption that it was necessary to have a bill was wrong.

On a division the amendment to hold a plebiscite was defeated by 22 votes to 14, and the motion was carried.

OUT OF ORDER.

Councillor Major Hall-Thompson asked if any further motion by him would be out of order, as he wished to move the second part of his original resolution, which was:—

"And in the meantime that the Council proceed to give effect to such of the recommendations contained in Mr. Arthur Collins's report as they consider desirable, and which do not require the authority of Parliament."

The Lord Mayor ruled it out of order.

A suggestion was made by several members that Major Hall-Thompson might give notice of motion for a future meeting.

The proceedings then concluded.

THE NEXT STEP.

The effect of the meeting is that all efforts to reform the Corporation have, for the present, at all events, terminated.

After the meeting one Councillor declared his intention of getting a hundred ratepayers to sign a requisition demanding a poll of the ratepayers upon the Reform Bill, which the Corporation has now officially abandoned. In the event of this requisition not being forthcoming, or of the likely defeat of, the bill, even if a plebiscite is held, it is understood that the Reform members of the Corporation will concentrate upon bringing into force those recommendations of Mr. Collins which can be carried out without Parliamentary sanction.

THE NEW COUNCIL.

The new Council and Lord Mayor (Sir William Coates) come into office to-day, and there appears to be a desire to let them try what they can achieve in the way of reform. It appears that the Northern Government is adverse to supplanting the Corporation by Commissioners so long as there is any indication that reform of the administration can be achieved from within the Corporation itself.

The Government is hopeful apparently that the Corporation will bring about reform.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF THE NORTH.

SPEAKER DENOUNCES APATHY.

Branches of the National League of the North were established, under the patronage of the Rev. Canon Sheerin, P.P., in Crossmaglen and Glassdrummond on Sunday.

Mr. Thomas McLoughlin, J.P., speaking at the inaugural meeting at Crossmaglen, said that the League was established to safeguard the interests of the inhabitants of the six county area, and stressed the need for organisation and the registration of electors. It was, said Mr. McLoughlin, very necessary to see that proper returns were made of all elegible voters, and it was just as necessary for the people to avail themselves of their rights. Indifferences towards national and civic affairs always reacted on the person or persons concerned.

Mr. John H. Collins, M.P., who also addressed the meeting at Glassdrummond, read an official statement, which contained the official salaries and estimates, and pointed out that the salaries of Ministers and officials were on a gigantic scale.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

CORK EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGES.

TWO MEN SENTENCED.

Before Mr. Justice Kenny at Cork City Criminal Court yesterday, William Ahern was sentenced to receive twelve months' imprisonment, with hard labour, for having embezzled the sum of £200 from his employers, Messrs. Woodford, Bourne and Company.

On behalf of the accused it was stated that he had had a great deal of domestic worry owing to the prolonged illness of his wife.

At the same Court, Edward O'Mahony, who, on the previous day, had pleaded guilty to the embezzlement of £600, the property of the Lee Boot Manufacturing Company, was sentenced to receive eighteen months hard labour by Mr. Justice Kenny, who, in imposing sentence, described the fraud as a specially cruel one.

HEAVY SNOWFALLS IN THE RHINELAND.

Throughout Monday night and yesterday blizzards have raged in the Taunus, and there have been falls of 20 inches of snow in parts of Eifel, a Reuter's Wiesbaden message states.

The fall has been heavy in the Rhineland, where the snow is lying generally about 10 inches deep. Sleighs are the only means of locomotion in outlying villages, and are being used to convey supplies to them.

UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM.

TOWNS EATING UP RELIEF MONEY.

The annual estimate submitted to the County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance at its meeting in Enniscorthy last Monday was £71,865, being an increase on last year's demand of £3,725—about 2½d. in the £.

The Secretary (Mr. T. D. Sinnott) said that indoor and outdoor assistance had been creeping up since the Board was established. He did not think that there was any hope for a reduction in the coming year. If the cost of such assistance be an economic barometer, the County Wexford seemed to be in a deplorable condition.

Mr. M. Doyle said that the towns were eating up the relief money.

The Chairman (Mr. M. J. Jordan, T.D.) said that the people in the County Home were nearly all past their labour.

DECLINING INDUSTRIES.

Mr. J. Cooney said that there was practically no unemployment benefit being paid in the Labour Exchanges at present. A number of industries had been closed in New Ross.

Mr. J. Gaul referred to declining industries in Wexford Town, and the Secretary also mentioned that there was increased unemployment in Enniscorthy.

Mr. J. Hall asked if the unemployment was caused because employers were unable to pay the wages demanded.

Colonel R. P. Wemyss Quin suggested that it was caused by strikes.

The Secretary said that it was a legacy of the war.

Miss N. O'Ryan said that it was caused by the want of support of home-made goods and the dumping of foreign stuff. Luxuries, such as road-making, should be stopped when the people are starving. There should be a more equable distribution of public money.

Colonel Quin suggested sending some of the unemployed to Canada in harvest time.

Miss O'Ryan—No. We are done with the old system of driving people to emigrate.

The Secretary suggested that each parish should try to do something for its own unemployed.

Mr. Murphy said that all the people were travelling to Dublin by 'bus. Dublin prospered and the rest starved.

FARMING OUTLOOK.

Mr. Doyle said that he did not know where the ratepayers were going to get the money. In England and the North of Ireland the farmers were getting de-rating of agricultural land. The farmers in the North of Ireland would be able to cater for the Free State.

Chairman—I have no doubt in my mind that the farmers here will get relief within the next twelve months. A Committee has been set up to go into it. Whether you will have complete de-rating or not I do not know.

Mr. Doyle said that it would be a good thing if the Government made that known. If the farmers were assured of that it would give them heart to struggle.

Miss O'Ryan said that public opinion was coming round to the farmers' side, and there would be a change in the agricultural policy in the country.

On the proposition of Mr. Doyle, the estimate was reduced by £1,865, and passed at £70,000.

INQUEST ON BELFAST GAS VICTIM.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORATION DEPARTMENT.

The prompt and efficient way in which the Gas Department of the Belfast Corporation dealt with an escape of gas which occurred at Norton street, Belfast, on January 8 last, was favourably commented upon by the Belfast Coroner (Dr. James Graham) yesterday at the inquest on Anne Jane Kane, who died as the result of gas poisoning.

"This should be an object lesson to a certain section of the public who are constantly finding fault with the civic administration," said the Coroner. "Had this outbreak not been dealt with so efficiently a repetition of the London gas disaster might have occurred in Belfast."

Mr. T. J. M'Keown, representing the Belfast Corporation, said that the City Hall were informed of the escape of gas at 11.10 a.m.; at 11.25 a gas inspector was on the spot, and before 11.40 a squad were at work in Norton street.

The thick iron pipe main was found to be cleanly broken, and, except for the fracture, was in perfect condition. It is thought that the subsidence of the sub-soil was responsible for a great strain being put upon the pipe. The vibration of the traffic eventually caused it to snap. The outbreak could not have been foreseen.

A verdict of "accidental death" was returned.

COLLISION IN A FOG.

BELFAST VESSEL'S COMPLAINT

From Our Correspondent.

LONDON, Tuesday.

A collision in a fog off the coast of Portugal between two large steamships on July 11th last formed the subject of an action before the President (Lord Merrivale) in the Admiralty Division to-day, when the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, owners of the Belfast steamship Demerara, sued the Charente Steamship Company, Ltd., owners of the Liverpool steamship Governor, for damages caused to their ship in the collision.

The plaintiffs alleged that those on the Governor were negligent, and so brought about the collision. The defendants denied negligence, and counterclaimed for the injury caused their own vessel, alleging that those on the Demerara were responsible for the accident.

THE DEMERARA'S CASE.

The Demerara is a ship of 11,484 tons gross, 500 feet long, and at the time was carrying a crew of 161 hands and passengers, and was on a voyage from Liverpool to Rio Janeiro with a general cargo. Her case was that she had been practically lying to in the fog for an hour, sounding signals for fog. She heard signals from the Governor approaching, and replied to them, but it was alleged that the Governor loomed out of the fog at about two ships' length distant, going at speed, and struck her a right-angled blow with her stern on the starboard side in the vicinity of the poop, doing great damage. It was said that the Governor was responsible for the collision, in that she was navigating at excess speed in the fog, and failed to stop and proceed with caution on hearing the Demerara's signals. It was also said that she failed to take proper engine or helm action in the circumstances.

THE DEFENCE.

The case for the Governor, a steamship of 5,571 tons gross and 425 feet in length, which, at the time of the accident, was on a voyage from Liverpool to Calcutta, and carried a crew of sixty-seven hands, was that, when off Cape Roca in the fog, she was proceeding at only four knots and sounding fog signals on her starboard bow, and repeated a two-blast signal several times, but did not receive a reply from the Demerara until quite close, when the latter was seen a length and a half away. The engines of the Governor were immediately stopped and put full speed astern and her helm hard a starboard, but she was unable to avoid the collision. It was alleged against the Demerara that she failed to sound her whistle, in accordance with the regulations, and that those on board were negligent in causing their vessel to be across the line of traffic without indicating her position and manœuvres by proper signals, and in failing to take proper helm or engine action.

Evidence was called, and the hearing was adjourned until February 6.

DROGHEDA'S HOUSING PROBLEM.

LONG-TERM LOANS ADVOCATED.

Drogheda Corporation, at a special meeting last night, passed the following resolution:—"That, in view of the deplorable condition of housing in Drogheda and other urban centres, we call upon the Free State Government to take immediate steps to deal with this pressing problem. That, owing to the present borrowing conditions—15 years' loan at 4½ per cent. interest—local authorities cannot build houses to let at economic rents which the working classes can afford to pay. We urge upon the Government to grant loans for housing purposes spread over such a number of years as will enable local authorities to meet the housing needs of their localities."

AMENDMENT OF THE BETTING ACT.

A DISTRICT JUSTICE'S SUGGESTIONS.

NO BET UNDER HALF A CROWN.

The working of the Betting Act in the Free State was the subject of further inquiry yesterday, when the Committee appointed for the purpose held a sitting at Leinster House, Dublin, and heard evidence tendered by Mr. George P. Cussen, senior Metropolitan District Justice.

Mr. Cussen suggested various amendments of the Act. Remarking that it appeared to have ended the street-betting nuisance, he added that too drastic a limitation of the number of premises licensed for betting business would lead undoubtedly to a revival of street betting.

Senator Sir Bryan Mahon presided, and the other members of the Committee present were Mr. T. Westropp Bennett (Chairman of the Senate), Senator McLoughlin, Mr. P. S. Doyle, T.D.; Mr. R. S. Anthony, T.D., and Mr. Sean McEntee, T.D.

IN PRISON FOR LIFE

AT WILL OF REVENUE AUTHORITIES.

Mr. Cussen said that, if the Act of 1926 was to be regarded as a Statute to secure revenue, then, in the interest both of the public and of the Revenue, the penalties should be reduced to a reasonable amount. He was quite satisfied that moderate penalties would mean more revenue. "It seems absurd," the witness declared, "that the Justices should be obliged to inflict a penalty for an offence, which is frequently a minor one, of not less than £500 in the case of an offender whose total worldly possessions do not amount to over £100. We have only power of mitigation to one quarter. In my opinion, founded on what I have observed in our court, it is a very grave reflection on our legal system that, in default of payment by a defendant, who obviously cannot pay, we should be obliged to sign warrants committing the person, man or women (regardless of age if over 16) to prison—not for a definite period, but during the will of the Revenue Commissioners—that is, if they so will, for life."

Continuing, the witness said that as far back as 1879 the law in that respect was altered, and this drastic power of keeping a citizen in jail at the wish of the Revenue authorities for non-payment of a heavy penalty was abolished as regards England, but not as regards Ireland.

IN OPEN COURT.

Apart from the question of revenue, and after consultation with his colleagues, the following remarks and suggestions occurred to him:—The applications for bookmakers' licences should be made in open court to a Justice, on a date named by the Justice or his chief clerk. Notice of the intended application, and of the date fixed for hearing, should be given by the bookmaker by advertisement in the Press. He suggested that it was not desirable to continue the procedure obliging the Superintendents to determine whether a particular person should or should not receive a licence, or whether particular premises were—or were not—suitable. That cast a judicial determination as to character and suitability on the Superintendent; and, on appeal, the defendant came before the Justice as one already held to be unfit to hold the licence, or as applying for premises already held not to be suitable.

He suggested an amendment of Sections 4 and 8 of the 1926 Act, and said that some of the grounds of objection stated in Section 8 as grounds for the refusal of a certificate on the question of suitability of premises would appear to be objections on the ground of character. A person having an interest in the premises, or in adjoining premises should be entitled to object on the ground that the granting of the licence would reduce the value of the premises in which he had an interest. The onus of proof of the facts alleged should lie on the objection.

LOITERING.

In further evidence, Mr. Cussen said that he did not consider that "list" betting should be made illegal, although this class of betting was one of the causes of loitering. The abuse might be prevented by an amendment of Section 15 of the Act, making it illegal to display on the premises lists showing the prices offered, and also making it illegal to keep newspapers on the premises for the use of the public.

To discourage betting by those who could not afford it, he favoured a provision making it illegal to accept a bet for less than 2s. 6d. and to accept a bet from a person under sixteen.

Answering Mr. McEntee, the witness said that the legalising of the Act seemed to inoculate the poorest class of the community with the disease of gambling. He admitted that legalising credit betting meant encouraging it. His reason for suggesting sixteen years as the age limit was because it was that mentioned in the Children's Act; but he was inclined to agree with General O'Duffy's suggestion of eighteen years.

There did not seem to be any necessity for an Excise penalty for betting on unlicensed premises, because the offence was effectively dealt with by the Gaming Acts. As far as he could recollect there had been no prosecution for street betting for the past two years. It appeared, therefore, that the Act of 1926 had ended that abuse. A too drastic limitation of the number of premises licensed would undoubtedly revive street betting.

REPUDIATION OF DEBTS.

There had been few cases since the passing of the Act of children committing theft for betting. In three or four cases, boys who stole money said they used portion of it to make bets. It would be desirable to define the meaning of "business of bookmaking." The only definition he knew of was that in the British Finance Act of 1926, which, of course, did not operate here.

Mr. Cussen said that loitering would be prevented if bets were not paid until the following day, and he suggested that bets should be paid up to 11 o'clock the next day, at a time when races were not being run; but he agreed that very little harm would be caused by paying bets during the time when races were being run on the following day.

Senator Bennett—Would you think it advisable, when licensing bookmakers, that financial stability should be one of the conditions?—In my opinion, yes.

In reply to the Chairman, he said that, since betting had been legalised, he could see no moral justification for refusing to the bookmaker the right to recover bets. The rich man, in his opinion, was not entitled to the protection he now enjoyed by being able to repudiate a bet.

Answering further questions, Mr. Cussen said that to allow a rich man to make bets and to prevent the poor man doing so would be class legislation.

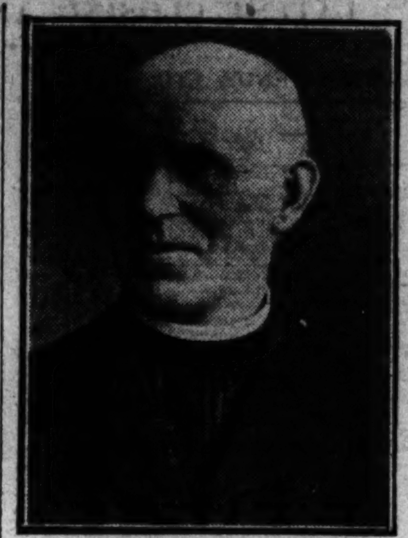
The Committee adjourned to a date to be fixed.

DEATH OF MR. A. M. BESSON.

Much regret has been caused at Margate by the death of Mr. Alexander Marcel Besson, manager of the Queen's Highcliffe Hotel. Mr. Besson was the brother of Mr. Paul Besson, manager of the Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dublin. He was driving in a small Austin car from the Queen's Highcliffe Hotel to the train to meet his wife on the night of Thursday, January 3rd, when in turning an awkward corner the car collided with a tramway standard and a chocolate machine. The car was wrecked and Mr. Besson received injuries from which he died in the Margate Cottage Hospital on the afternoon of Tuesday, January 8th. In addition to injuries to the head, Mr. Besson had several ribs broken, and the broken ribs had penetrated his lung.

At an inquest held by the Coroner, Mr. C. Collingwood Maughan, the jury found a verdict of accidental death, and expressed their sympathy with Mrs. Besson and other relatives.

The Coroner said that he wished to join in the expression of sympathy. Addressing Mr. Paul Besson, he added: "Not only is his death a loss to you, but it is a loss to the town where he managed the hotel most successfully and most courteously."



The Rev. Brother Edward D'Alton, whose death is announced, was connected with the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, St. Joseph's, Cabra, Co. Dublin, for 54 years.—*Lafayette.*

'FOREIGN' GAMES.

CLARE GAELS DISCUSS THE BAN.

ABOLITION MOTION REJECTED.

Vigorous speeches for and against the retention of the Gaelic Association ban on "foreign games" were delivered at the annual Convention of the Clare Gaelic Athletic Association, the Rev. M. Hamilton, President, in the chair.

On behalf of the Miltown-Malbay Club, Mr. P. J. Hurley moved that the ban be abolished. He said that any game which tended to develop vigorous manhood was worthy of support by every lover of outdoor sport. Certain games only were banned by the G.A.A., yet these particular games had world-wide support, which proved that they must be good in themselves. Objection to them therefore must be altogether apart from sport, and could only be political. One of the most important rules of the G.A.A. was that politics shall not be brought into the Association, but it seemed to him that the originators of the ban were the very first to break this rule. The ban was conceived in fear, and it was not only a slur on Irish nationality, but was also an admission of weakness.

Why have it said that national games required glasshouse protection in order to ensure their continuance? Irish games were not inferior to those of any other code, and there were many good Irishmen playing Rugby or other banned games, who would be a credit to any Gaelic team, and who would be only glad to play their native games but the ban prevented them. As matters stood at present, these men were lost to the G.A.A. France and Germany saw no danger to their national games in playing Rugby, and the patriotism of these countries could not be disputed. Remove the ban and let all Irish Irelanders play these international games if they desired to do so, and thus help to bring these games under the control of real Irishmen. If the G.A.A. sought to internationalise Gaelic hurling and football, then it was very inconsistent for the G.A.A. to place a ban on games that had already attained an international status.

THE PRIME AIM.

Mr. Fred Duffy, Ennis, in moving that the ban be retained, said that the propagation of Irish games was not inspired by hostility towards British games alone. It was inspired by hostility towards all foreign games, no matter from what country they emanated. The prime aim of the G.A.A. was to conserve the spirit of Irish nationality despite the foreign tendencies of the modernists. These repeated attempts to have the ban removed were bringing discredit on the G.A.A. throughout the whole country.

Even if they removed the ban, they would not get any more adherents of Gaelic games, because the men now playing Rugby and "soccer" would throw such games aside because they would be too common when played by the mere Irishman. The atmosphere connected with Rugby and "soccer" was inimical to Irish Nationalism, and it would be very unwise to remove the ban at this stage.

THE SIX-COUNTY GAELS.

Mr. Murphy, Clarecastle, said that they would be deserting the Gaels in the six counties if they removed the ban.

Mr. S. Malone, Kilrush, said that the object of the ban was to keep the young manhood of Ireland away from the Saxon and the shoneen. The need for the ban existed now more than ever, because if a man stood up on a concert platform and had the courage to sing an Irish song he would be sneered at. It appeared that the people wanted something from London—one of the latest fox-trots or monkey hugs. If the ban were removed they would not get new blood for their Gaelic games. All that they would get would be shoneens, and the Association was much better off without them. Other speakers had referred to France and Germany, but there was no comparison with Ireland, because Ireland was a struggling country, and would be a struggling country for a long time to come.

Mr. M. MacMahon said that if the ban were removed the G.A.A. would be split, and that split would result in the Association being smashed to smithereens.

By 77 votes to 20 the Convention rejected the motion for the abolition of the ban.

NEW IRISH EXPORT TRADE.

CARCASES, FATS AND GREASE FOR GLASGOW.

In a report to the Port Local Authorities the Medical Officer of Health for Glasgow points out, as stated in the minutes of the Glasgow Corporation yesterday, that a recent and rapidly-developed trade in carcases, fats and grease from Ireland is now being carried on; that owing to the quality of some of the consignments of this material they had to be condemned; and that great difficulty is being experienced in dealing with the importation of this material owing to the fact that the Public Health (Oversea Meat) Regulations (Scotland), 1925, do not apply to meat imported from Ireland.

After consideration, the Town Clerk was instructed to take the matter up with the Department of Health for Scotland, with a view to having the regulations made applicable to meat from this source, and also to having suitable regulations issued by the Department for the handling of meat and other foodstuffs at the docks on lines similar to the regulations at present existing in England.

DEARTH OF SUITABLE COOKS.

AMUSING REPLY TO WEXFORD ADVERTISEMENT.

The County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance have experienced considerable difficulty in getting a suitable cook for their new County Hospital in Wexford. In reply to their latest advertisement the Board received several applications at their meeting last Monday, among them being one addressed from "Hardship place," Wexford, signed "Nota Mugg."

In her summary of "qualifications" the applicant stated that she was thirty years of age, was educated in a reformatory, and was a corporate member of the institute of cooks and dairymaids, a member of the forlorn bakers' institute and of the defunct spinsters' association.

A "testimonial" from a prison governor praised her organising ability, and stated that she had "a ladylike manner." Another "testimonial" from an inebriates' home matron, stated that "she had a quiet disposition, having assaulted only four of the staff, two of whom are still living."

John Cain (15) was run over and killed by railway wagons at Pelaw Staiths, Hebburn, yesterday.

THE BEET-SUGAR DEADLOCK.

GROWERS TO CONFER WITH T.D.'S.

POSSIBLE DEPUTATION TO MINISTERS.

From Our Agricultural Correspondent.

CARLOW, Tuesday.

Beyond the publication in the Press of a resolution passed at last Saturday's meeting of the Irish Beet Growers' Association, neither the Minister for Finance nor the Minister for Agriculture has received any request to intervene in the disagreement between the Carlow Sugar Manufacturing Company and the beet growers.

If nothing happens in the meantime, it is probable that, following the conference between members of the Dail and representatives of the growers which has been called for Monday next at Jury's Hotel, Dublin, a deputation will be appointed to wait upon the Ministers concerned.

At the moment the position is that of a buyer and a seller who cannot agree. The Government has no statutory obligations in the matter, but in the interests of a new and important industry which affects a large body of farmers the Ministers interested may intervene if called upon to do so.

A DEADLOCK.

So far as can be ascertained, no change has taken place in the relations between the Irish Beet Growers' Association and the Irish Sugar Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

The growers' representatives, at their meeting on Saturday, expressed their inability to accept a reduction of 10s. per ton on the current price of 54s. per ton for beet with a sugar content of 15½ per cent. At that meeting it was contended that no farmer who had to pay labour could grow the crop at the price, and growers were warned not to enter into any contracts at 44s. per ton.

Colonel Gibbon, one of the Irish directors of the company, informed me that even at 44s. per ton he would continue to grow the crop because of the value of the crowns and leaves as fodder for dairy stock. In the case of a low yield, such a price might barely pay for the cost of production, but if it did that, he would be satisfied. An increase in the yield per acre would please him as much as a higher price.

He told me that if the small farmers of County Wexford were asked what they thought of the sugar beet tops as a cattle food, they would speak well of it, especially those who kept dairy stock.

GROWERS TO CONFER WITH T.D.'s.

When I made inquiries in Carlow to-day I was informed by Mr. Fahy, Secretary of the Irish Beet Growers' Association, that no change had taken place in the situation since Saturday last, but that a conference between growers' representatives and members of the Dail from beet-growing areas would take place in Dublin on Monday next.

At the offices of the Irish Sugar Manufacturing Co., Ltd., it was learned that when Sir Maurice Lippens met the growers' representatives last week he placed all the facts and figures, as affecting the company, before them. On these he based the offer of 44s. per ton now made for beet with a sugar content of 15½ per cent. This was made as a definite offer, not as one for bargaining, and the company decline to make any alteration in their decision.

THE COMPANY'S CIRCULAR.

Meanwhile the company's circular, a copy of which appeared in the *Irish Times* of Thursday last, has been printed, and is being sent to individual growers. This points out that the price of 44s. per ton is subject to advance or reduction, according to the sugar content being above or below 15½ per cent. It enumerates the assistance offered to growers as in previous years, and points out that in future contracts growers who are on the company's books in 1929 will receive preference.

The new contracts must, it is understood, be completed by the 15th February. As the new terms were only circulated today, there has not yet been time for the company to receive replies.

If adequate preparations are to be made for the cultivation of the beet crop, tillage operations must be started without delay. Hence the importance of an early settlement of the dispute.

GROWERS' "VIGILANCE COMMITTEE."

The Kildare County Executive of the Beet Growers' Association at Athy yesterday—Mr. J. N. Greene, Chairman, presiding—approved of the following resolution from the Kildangan Branch, and recommended its adoption by other branches: "That we approve of the action of the Executive in rejecting the Factory's offer, and pledge our support to whatever measures they may deem expedient to prevent the Factory obtaining new contracts on their own terms. That no member sign contracts except in the presence of the Branch Committee."

It was stated that the Kildangan Branch had appointed a "Vigilance Committee," consisting of members from each townsland, "to see that the resolution adopted would be adhered to both in spirit and letter."

Resolutions endorsing the action of the Executive were passed by branch meetings at Athy, Castledermot, Ballyroe, Rathangan, Monasterevan and Robertstown.

The representative of the Naas district wrote informing the Kildare Executive that beet at 44s. was "an impossibility," and announcing that he had ceased to be a beet grower.

DONEGAL HEALTH BOARD'S FINANCES.

ESTIMATE INCREASED.

At the monthly meeting of the Donegal Board of Health at Stranorlar yesterday, the Secretary said that their estimate for ordinary purposes was £42,916, and repayment of loans £3,735. Last year the amount for public assistance was £47,791, and this year £46,651; last year the amount for public health was £3,269, and this year it had increased to £11,350. The total increase in the estimate this year was about £7,000.

Mr. Eugene Mahony said that the increase was mainly due to the big repair scheme of cottages, to the tune of £13,000, and the heavy outlay upon county hospital buildings.

Major Myles, M.C., T.D., said that they must remember that in the Free State they had no widows' pensions and things like that.

Mr. Mahony said that the estimate meant an increase of 5½d. in the £.

The Board adopted the estimate.

CONFESSIONS OF A THIEF.

SENTENCED AT ENNISKILLEN.

When Patrick Joseph Bell, of Cookstown, pleaded guilty at Enniskillen Quarter Sessions yesterday to having committed a sacrilege in Irvinestown Roman Catholic Church and to a number of petty larcenies, Mr. Oliver Pringle, Crown Solicitor, read a letter which he had received from the prisoner.

In the letter the prisoner said that there were eight other charges pending against him of larceny, and he desired to plead guilty, and expressed the wish that this fact be taken into consideration by the judge when passing sentence upon him, as he intended to lead an honest life for the future.

Judge Green, in sentencing him to ten months' imprisonment, with hard labour, said that he had a terrible record. Since 1922 the prisoner had spent most of his time in stealing things.

Robert Todd, a miner, was killed by a fall of stone at Edward Pit, Wallsend, yesterday.

OCCUPIED HOUSES ON FIRE.

TWO SWORDS MEN SENT FOR TRIAL.

In the Kilmainham District Court yesterday, two Swords men named Brien and Gallagher, were returned for trial, Gallagher on bail, charged with conspiracy and with burning three thatched houses in Swords, the property of Thomas Long, and valued for £200.

Guard Lee swore that when arrested and charged, Gallagher said that he was innocent, but Brien made a statement as follows:—'I remember Tuesday, January 8th. I went to bed at 9 o'clock. I got up at 12.15 a.m., as I had an arrangement made with John Gallagher to set fire to houses the property of Thomas Long. Gallagher lived in one of these houses. I met Gallagher, who said to me: 'Are you going to attack the job? If you do not I will.' He then went to the back of his own house, which was in the centre of the row. I saw him set fire to the thatch in three places. I set fire to the house next the Malahide road, occupied by Tom Reilly. Gallagher then said to me: 'Go home quick, and I will go into my own house and shut the door.'

"I returned home the same way as I came and did not get up until 7 o'clock. The previous Saturday Gallagher said to me: 'Will you take on the job of burning these old houses with me?' I said: 'It is a very wrong thing to do, Jack,' and he replied: 'Wrong or right I will do it, anyhow.' He advised me to come at 12.15 on Tuesday night. I came at the appointed time and we did the job."

Police witnesses gave evidence of helping to save the inhabitants of the burning dwellings and of extinguishing the fire.

Mr. McGonagle, solicitor, defending Gallagher, submitted that he should be allowed to cross-examine Brien on that statement, because they were suggesting that Brien was of unsound mind and should be medically examined.

The Justice said that he could not allow Mr. McGonagle to cross-examine Brien, as Brien was not a witness for the State. He found a *prima facie* case shown, and returned both men for trial, as stated.

RAILWAYMEN WANT STATE CONTROL.

ANOTHER MASS MEETING IN DUBLIN.

In connection with the present railway crisis in the Free State a mass meeting of railwaymen was held in the Everyman Theatre, Rotunda, Dublin, last night. Mr. Ralph Jones presided and the theatre was crowded.

Mr. J. Carney, of the Irish Workers' Union, traced the history of the railway movement, and said that the whole policy of the British Trade Unions and Labour leaders was to have men organised, and then to throw them to one side. The price that was being paid in England to-day for the great war was decline in heavy industry. With that decline in heavy industry—the basis of all traffic from railways—the National Union of Railwaymen had gone from bad to worse. Bromley, who fought Thomas, as a left winger, was now lined up with Thomas, and to make it worse they had amalgamation of railway companies.

If the British trade union leaders did not face the issue then it was up to the workers of England to make them face the issue. If they did not face it they were not going to let the railway workers of Ireland be the cat's paws of British trade unions. They would battle in the workers union of Ireland, and it would save the day for railway workers. They were going to make it a political issue with all parties in this country, and to call for the State control of railways—(applause)—to be administered by a Railway Commission consisting of public representatives.

The speaker allocated positions of the Commission as follows:—

Each County Council, 2; each City Council, 1; Chambers of Commerce, 6; farmers' organisations, 6; railway unions, 12. The Commission to be under the chairmanship of a Minister of Transport.

In conclusion, Mr. Carney appealed to all sections of railway men to unite in one union, and then they could present a real, concrete programme to the managers, and would be able to do something.

ENNISKILLEN BARRACKS.

NORTHERN GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION.

It has been definitely arranged, our Enniskillen Correspondent states, that the Northern Government shall hand over the Castle Barracks to the Fermanagh County Council, and also pay them £1,000 in exchange for the site in the old jail grounds for the new constabulary barracks, the County Council to retain the County Hall and the Technical School. This cancels the previous arrangement, whereby the Government was to pay £3,000 and take over the County Hall and Technical School.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

CENSORSHIP BILL AND BETTING.

The Public Questions Committee of the Methodist Church in the Free State has just held an important meeting to deal with a number of matters of public interest. The Rev. W. R. Budd presided, business being introduced by the Secretary, the Rev. William Corrigan, of Limerick.

Further consideration was given to the Censorship Bill. The Committee expressed its warm appreciation of the determination of the Free State Government to suppress, as far as it could the circulation of indecent literature in the State. It re-affirmed its conviction that the end that the Government had in view could be best reached by the strengthening of the existing laws and the giving of more power to the existing courts, rather then by the establishment of a new board of control.

The Committee also re-affirmed the Church's opposition to betting and gambling in every form, and suggested a number of ways in which the present laws might, with great advantage to the community, be strengthened.

The Rev. R. H. Gallagher, B.A., of Newtownards road Church, Belfast, is making herculean efforts to reach the unchurched masses of the district in which he labours. He conducts about two dozen services every week. In spite of the vast unemployment of the past year, he has paid off £500 of the heavy debt on the church, which is one of the largest in Ireland.

The Rev. H. N. Medd, preaching in University road Church, Belfast, on Sunday, greatly delighted large congregations with his account of the work of the Mendiland Mission on the West Coast of Africa. In connection with this mission Mr. Medd has rendered conspicuous service.

As an illustration of the development of mission work in India, it was reported at the last meeting of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society that at Dharapuram, on the Trichinopoly District, the number of Christians under the oversight of the Methodist Church has increased in fourteen years from two hundred to over ten thousand.

On the invitation of the Brighton road friends a united social gathering of the members of the Christian Endeavour Societies of Rathgar, Abbey street, Kingsland Park and Inchicore was held in the Brighton Road Lecture Hall on Monday evening last. The meeting proved a very happy one, the Rev. James M. Alley welcoming the guests. Supper was served by the social committee of the Brighton Road Society, under the direction of Miss W. Maconkey, assisted by Mrs. W. A. Alford and Mrs. F. E. Thompson. On the motion of the Rev. A. Harbinson, B.A., seconded by the Rev. J. A. L. Irvine, the cordial thanks of the large gathering was accorded to the Brighton road friends, and not least to Mr C. Hayward, who had been in charge of the games for the evening.

CHILD KILLED BY HORSE.

At an inquest held on Julia Mullen, eight years old, who was killed on Saturday last by a horse and cart as she was fetching water from a pump to Tuam Railway Station, Peter Gaynor, the driver of the cart, said he did not see the child until he pulled up his horse, which had shied and become restive.

A witness gave evidence that he saw the child walk into the horse, which knocked her down. A verdict was returned that death was due to shock and hæmorrhage, and that the driver of the cart was in no way to blame for the accident.

THE RIDDLE OF BIRD LIFE.

MATTERS OF INTEREST FOR SOLUTION.

ROYAL ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY LECTURE.

"If people would study such matters, could find out why birds, with no landmarks, can steer themselves back over hundreds of miles of water to some particular island; if we could understand that, we should open up ranges of sensibility which exist in ourselves as human beings, but are so overlaid with our reliance on sight and hearing that we are almost unconscious of it." Canon Charles Raven said yesterday, when lecturing on "Some Problems of Bird Behaviour," at the annual general meeting of the Royal Zoological Society of Ireland, in the College of Surgeons, Dublin.

"It seems to me," the lecturer said, "trying, as I do, to keep abreast of scientific thinking, and of its bearing upon our understanding of human life and character, that among the most important studies in the next generation will be the study of comparative psychology. We are realising that in our own beings there are certain tendencies, possibly hereditary, certainly having close connection with primitive animal instincts, which we understand very imperfectly, and certain capacities latent in ourselves, which if we understood them better we might use and interpret. There are, I believe, whole ranges of perception which are very imperfectly understood or explained by psychologists who confine themselves to the study of humanity.

BIRDS IN THEIR HOMES.

As we come to understand more of the stages by which our own mental psychic processes have been reached, we shall begin to talk rather less nonsense than we do about instinct, telepathy and so on. Therefore, to me at least—bird-mad as I am—the side of bird-life which attracts me most is this matter of behaviour, to try to get inside the skin of the creature as one is watching it."

Bird courtship, nest-building, the laying of eggs, the care and the development of the young and numerous other matters of interest were illustrated in a series of slides from photographs taken by himself which Canon Raven showed. One picture showed a pair of Dutch storks at their nest. These birds are a typical case of monogamy; as far as is known they pair for life. A group of sandpipers taken at Texel in the mating season showed the cock birds waiting for the hens to come and choose their mates; in this species the male bird takes no responsibility for the care and feeding of his family. Two varieties of cormorants' nests were seen; one built loosely of seaweed on slabs of rock, another high up on the branch of a tree. Nests of golden orioles, slung like hammocks, and of reed warblers, slung upon osiers with apparently little to rest upon, illustrate riddles of nest construction.

THE LAPWING'S TWO WIVES.

A picture taken near Grace Darling's Lighthouse showed the eider duck, the tamest, most faithful and most immobile of nest birds; it is said that she sits on her nest during the whole period of incubation without food or drink. A cock lapwing photographed on his nest, when watched, was noted to have two wives and two nests side by side. In the case of the terns the cock occupies the nest regularly during the earlier days of incubation. Other birds shown were razorbills, guillemots, puffins, kestrels, wheatears, grasshopper warblers, redshanks, woodpeckers, lapwings, curlews, snipes, tits and chaffinches. A picture of a nest in which a cuckoo had laid her egg showed the moment at which the young bird was in the act of ejecting one of the inmates of the nest.

"I believe that a society like this," Canon Raven concluded, "ought to enable us to solve some day the kind of riddles that I have been propounding to you, and, I believe, that as we solve that type of question so we shall come to a fuller understanding, and perhaps a better managemnt, of this human nature of ours."

THE SOCIETY'S MEETING.

NEARLY £4,000 IN GATE MONEY.

The report of the year, which was read by Dr. Praeger, Hon. Secretary, stated that the gate receipts for 1928 were slightly less than the previous year. A total of 152,471 persons passed the turnstiles and £3,850 10s. was received in gate money. There has been a slight increase in the number of members elected, the income from subscriptions and entrance fees being £898 6s., as compared with £793 6s. last year.

The balance sheet shows a debit balance of £356 1s. 6d. as against £601 6s. 3d. last year. Twenty-two life members, forty-six annual members and nine garden subscribers were elected during the year. Mr. A. W. Lindsay, P. W. D. Sierra Leone, and Dr. A. B. Monks, Gold Coast, were elected corresponding members in recognition of important services rendered to the gardens.

DECEASED MEMBERS.

During the year the Council has lost two of its most valued members, Mr. George Vaughan Hart, the Society's Hon. Secretary, perished along with two of his sons by a bathing accident in Donegal on the 8th September. Mr. Hart had succeeded to the Secretaryship only 21 months previously, he had shown deep interest in everything connected with the Society's activities, and did much useful work during his brief tenure of office. He was very much concerned with the improvement and enlargement of the collection of animals, and being besides a keen gardener, he showed zest in maintaining the beauty of the grounds.

Doctor Louis Cassidy, Master of the Coombe Hospital, was killed in the hunting field on the 27th October. Though a comparative newcomer on the Council there was no member who was held in higher esteem. His old-world courtesy, his throughtfulness for others and his keen interest in the affairs of the Society made him a very welcome figure at the "Zoo." Busily engrossed in the affairs of his hospital, he nevertheless found time to attend the Council meetings, and to further in many ways the interests of this Society. It is greatly to the Society's loss that he died while he was still in the full vigour of life and health, and in the midst of helpful activities of many kinds

DONORS THANKED.

One of the leading events of the year was the formal opening of the new reptile house by Mr. Ernest Blythe, Minister for Finance, to whom the Society is deeply indebted for his kind interest and practical support.

The special thanks of the Society are due to Mr. S. V. Cooke, Mr. A. W. Lindsay, Dr. A. B. Monks, Mr. J. H. Blackwood Murphy, Mr. J. McKelvie, and the Calcutta Zoological Society, whose donations were particularly large and of very high value.

The adoption of the report was proposed by Mr. L. Steele, and seconded by Professor Dixon, President, who said he was sure there were many present who would like to associate themselves with what had been said about Mr. G. V. Hart, the late hon. secretary, and Dr. Louis Cassidy, both of them belonging to that splendid class of men who, in spite of their own hard work, found time to support institutions like the Zoological Gardens, which are such important matters in the life of our citizens.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Canon Raven, proposed by Professor Dixon and passed with acclamation.

The Countess of Ranfurly was re-elected patron, Mrs. T. C. H. Dickson president, and Mrs. S. Thompson chairman of the Dungannon Women's Section of the British Legion. The membership has steadily increased, and philanthropic work amongst the dependents of ex-Service men has been carried out on a large scale.

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Weekly Irish Times

COMPANY NOTICES.

BRITISH CONTROLLED OILFIELDS, LIMITED
(Incorporated under the Laws of the Dominion of Canada.)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS, To be submitted at the Special General Meeting to be held in Montreal, At 12 noon on Wednesday 23rd January, 1929.

To the Shareholders of British Controlled Oilfields, Ltd.

The Directors beg to submit the Balance Sheet as at 31st July, 1928, and Profit and Loss Account for the year ending on that date.

The Profit and Loss Account shows a gross profit for the year of £405,280, from which has been written off £126,445, the whole of the development expenses on the El Mene Field; £20,665 expended during the year in exploratory boring outside El Mene, and £88,699 depreciation on machinery and plant, leaving a net profit of £169,472.

VENEZUELA.

WESTERN AREA—BUCHIVACOA.

The production was 2,142,266 barrels of oil. The oil from El Mene continues to be of the uniform high quality to which reference was made in the last annual report.

The production was sold under contracts made in 1923 and 1924 at prices dependent upon the world price of oil. On more than one occasion shareholders have been reminded that a continuance of the low prices for petroleum and its products, due to over-production, must affect this company in common with all other producers. The accounts now submitted show that our receipts from the sale of oil have fallen during the year to the extent of £147,000. On the other hand, the policy of economical working and the improved methods of production upon which the Board had based its programme have effected a reduction of £80,000 in expenditure.

This reduction in working costs has been brought about, despite the fact that an intensive campaign of geological investigation has been in progress, while a considerable amount of exploratory boring has been undertaken necessitating, in addition to the expense of drilling, the construction of roads in difficult country.

Modern Production Methods at El Mene.—The plans for production at El Mene, other than from flowing wells, include the provision of an absorption plant for the recovery of light products from the gas and the utilisation of the stripped gas for "gas lift" and the repressuring of the oil sands. The completion of the whole scheme has been delayed to some extent by an unusually wet season, but the plant is of such a type that advantages are obtained from each unit as installed. The adoption of "gas lift" has already considerably increased the output from old pumping wells, and at the present time 40 per cent. of El Mene production is being obtained by this means. The increased revenue arising from the recovery of light products will be a considerable factor in the receipts for the coming year.

Deep Drilling at El Mene.—With a view to the better selection of sites for deep wells at El Mene it was considered desirable to correlate the geological knowledge derived from the work hitherto done, and such new wells as have been drilled on the field have been "cored" for practically their whole depth in order to supplement this information. The irregularity of the strata, however, is such that little guidance seems to be obtainable from a correlation of the results secured at shallow depths.

One deep well is now being bored at El Mene, and at the present time has reached a depth of 2,350 feet. The formation through which the well is passing is very difficult to drill, and only slow progress can be made, but some favourable indications have been found in strata older than any previously worked on this field.

Sites have been selected for two other deep tests, and special drilling plant provided. It is intended to carry these wells to the maximum depth that mechanical conditions will permit.

Exploratory Wells in Outside Districts.—As indicated in progress reports, geological exploration work is being vigorously carried on in the Western area of the Buchivacoa Concession outside the limits of the El Mene field. Fifteen outside test wells have now or are being drilled. Although many shows of oil have been met with in the course of this work, commercial production has not so far been obtained in any of the completed wells.

The geological staff concentrated in one direction upon tracing the connection between the oil-bearing field of El Mene and the Hombre Pintado producing zone of the central area, to the north-east. Favourable geological indications were reinforced by the discovery of two distant oil seepages. Six wells have been commenced in this district during the year, and three wells have been completed, and drilling is proceeding in the others. The examination of this region, which is of considerable extent, is still in progress, and will be supplemented by further test drilling.

Three exploratory wells have been sunk to the North-East of El Mene. Heavy gas was encountered in two of them, and this gas is being utilised, but although oil was found, it was not in commercial quantities.

Six other wells in outlying districts were begun during the year, one of which is now upwards of 8,000 feet in depth, and drilling continues.

An area considered by the geologists to be of great interest has been located to the South of El Mene. This tract of country is 37 kilometres from the El Mene field, and considerable time and expense have been involved in constructing a road to it. Drilling will commence shortly on two locations in this district.

The so-called Northern Plains, 200 square miles in extent, lying between the El Mene field and the sea, are now being examined.

Investigation of a possible extension of the El Mene field, both westward and eastward, is being continued, and will be followed by test drilling. Some success has already been met with.

Geophysical Methods.—Considerable advance has been made of late in the utilisation of geophysical methods as an adjunct to those of geological research, in the quest for petroleum. In districts covered with alluvium, such as the Northern Plains above mentioned and the Orinoco Delta, geophysical methods are peculiarly suitable. The directors, fully realising the importance of this branch of geological practice, have decided to build up a geophysical staff. For the present Mr. A. C. Templeton, with experts and a number of our own men, is engaged in a survey to fortify the balance of the Northern Plains, and will subsequently commence a survey of the Orinoco Delta.

CENTRAL AREA—BUCHIVACOA.

During the year the Company's interest in this part of the Buchivacoa Concession has been increased by the purchase upon favourable terms of shares in the Anglo-Venezuelan Oil Trust, Ltd., the undertaking controlling the Central Area Exploitation Company (Venezuela), Ltd. This operating Company has drilled five wells during the year, and the productions now obtained is being sold to British Controlled Oilfields, Ltd., which has laid a pipeline for its reception.

EASTERN AREA.—BUCHIVACOA.

Active operations have been continued during the past year. Examinations have been conducted by geological and geophysical staffs, and drilling is proceeding in accordance with the royalty agreement referred to in the last annual report.

ORINOCO DELTA.

The plans for the exploration of the company's concessions in the Orinoco Delta have been modified in consequence of the formation of the Geophysical staff mentioned above. On completion of the examination of the Northern plains of Buchivacoa the geophysical staff will be transferred to the Delta, where arrangements for housing and transport are now being made.

TRINIDAD.

During the year ending July 31st, 1928, the production from our Trinidad properties (including those of the Trinidad Petroleum Development Co., Ltd.) amounted to 210,168 barrels, compared with 59,349 barrels in the previous twelve months.

The output since July 31st has been even more satisfactory, and is as follows:—

August	30,934 barrels.
September	21,812 "
October	51,682 "
November	74,560 "

Throughout the year steady progress has been made with the opening up of the company's Palo Seco Field, which continues to produce in increasing quantity petroleum of the highest grade. Since the close of the financial year a gratifying development has taken place on one of our Government plots somewhat to the south of the Palo Seco district proper, where, on October 15th, a high pressure well was brought in, which, after a large initial production, is now flowing at the rate of 1,000 barrels per day. The petroleum is of a somewhat heavier type than the product of the older field, but the source would seem to be very prolific, and when adequate arrangements have been made for storage and transport and for the construction of roads and drilling of wells in the new area the recent discovery should mean a large increase in the company's production.

Freehold Lands.—During the year 1,505 acres have been purchased to round off the company's holdings at Palo Seco, which now have an aggregate of 5,774 acres. Arrangements have been entered into with Venezuelan Consolidated Oilfields, Ltd.—a company owning 817 acres of promising land in the district—under which we purchase half the oil to be produced from this area.

SALE OF OIL.

During the year a contract was made with the Anglo-Persian Oil Co. for the purchase of our Palo Seco production at prices proportionate to the high quality of the oil.

Arrangements have now been made with the United British Oilfields of Trinidad, Ltd., for the sale and purchase for a term of years of all our Trinidad production not required for the purposes of the Anglo-Persian contract.

In summarising the results of the year's working, the directors are glad to be able to state that, although the continued fall in the world prices for petroleum and petroleum products has caused a falling off in the company's gross receipts, the economies in working expenditure, due to the introduction of modern methods and machinery, have been almost sufficient to offset the reduction in revenue, and the balance at credit of profit and loss has been further increased to £1,003,560, while cash and Government securities, together with stocks of oil at realised value, stand in the balance sheet at £690,175, as against £679,132 a year before.

During the year, in Venezuela, £156,843 has been expended on additions to machinery and plant, and £15,436 in the purchase of additional lands, while £37,569 has been invested in the shares of the Anglo-Venezuelan Oil Trust, Ltd.

Advances to the company's subsidiary Trinidad Petroleum Development Co., Ltd., for equipment and general development amounted to £231,740, including £79,677 for the purchase of additional lands.

By Order of the Board,
J. W. CREASSER,
Secretary and Treasurer.

5 Moorgate, E.C.2.
19th December, 1928.

OIL PRODUCTION.

Venezuelan Oil Concessions.—Production for the week ended January 19th was 132,310 metric tons. Previous week ended January 12th, 124,666 metric tons.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

TONE AND COMMENT.

DUBLIN IMPROVING.

IMPERIAL TOBACCO BONUS "BOOM."

There was a good general business current, or attempted, on 'Change yesterday, with a wide range of fluctuations and some few important ones, mostly in favour of holders. The outstanding feature was the notification of record profits by the Imperial Tobacco Company, the payment of an increased 1 p.c. dividend, and a substantially larger balance forward. But, in addition, the board have declared a share bonus of one new for each four already held, which means the capitalisation of some £7,500,000 of the reserve fund, as the issued Ordinary Share capital was almost £30,000,000.

Needless to say, this important notification, made known in the afternoon, materially influenced the market price, which had been rather nervous for the past twenty-four hours, on rumours that the share bonus might again be postponed. Government National Loans were wanted, and Land Bonds rose to 95. British Funds were dealt in extensively, with holders mostly benefiting. Banks were neglected, but closed firm. Guinness Ord. were again better, while Distillers (Scotch) advanced some shillings. Steam and Canal, where quoted, show gains. Marconi 10s. Shares were neglected, but the £1 Ord. marked 96s. 6d. Rails were irregular, with Great Northern Debs. better, and Great Southern Ord. and Debs. lower. Alliance Gas were bid for ineffectually at 10, or par. British-Americans were firm, and Imperials, after being a couple of shillings lower, bounced up about 8s. per share to 137s. 6d. when the increased dividend and share bonus were notified. Courtaulds were busy and firm, and Coats closed the turn harder. Heavy dealing took place in Margarines without much altering the previous day's enhanced closing prices. Dunlops were on offer. Chartered were busy, and Irish-American Oil Pref. rose on investment buying. Fords 10s. paid Shares were again on offer.

LONDON BETTER.

SENSATIONAL RISE IN N.C. METAL.

Although there was no material expansion in the volume of business transacted in the London Stock markets as a whole yesterday, a decidedly firmer tendency was apparent in a number of directions, while here and there active spots were manifest. Imperial Tobaccos provided a strong feature, the quotation rising sharply following the bonus and dividend announcement. The final dividend announced yesterday is 11 p.c., plus a cash bonus of 7½ p.c., making with the interim dividend a total distribution of 26 p.c. tax free for the year, as compared with 25 p.c. for the previous twelve months. The directors also propose the distribution of a free share bonus at the rate of one new for every four held. In the course of an active business the shares rose at one time to 137s. At the close on Monday the price was 129s. 9d. In other directions, Textiles enjoyed a brisk business following the announcement that the Bank of England is assisting the nationalisation scheme in the Lancashire cotton trade. N. C. Metal, the Stewart and Lloyd's associate, marked a sensational rise, the quotation touching £7 11s. at one time, compared with about £5 at the opening. Among Mines, Rhodesian Coppers continued in active request, and further substantial improvements were registered.

A firm tone ruled in the Gilt-edged section, and quiet conditions ruled in Foreign Government Stock markets. Little alteration occurred in Home Rails, business remaining quiet, while Colonial and Foreign Rails also repeated the overnight levels.

Among the Industrial sections, apart from those features mentioned above, Motors attracted considerable attention, and higher levels were recorded in some directions. Ner-Sags again displayed a firmer tendency, and Breweries and Shipping descriptions stiffened here and there. Gramophone descriptions, however, were dullish, and Match issues went off. Mond Nickels were quoted in the new form of International Nickel Letters, the price being 65¾ at the start. There was a slightly wider business in Oils, especially in the street, and substantial rises were registered in most of the leaders, while Rubbers stiffened with the commodity. Among Mines, Rhodesian Coppers continued in active demand, and further improvements were marked. Kaffirs were quieter, and Tin shares were easier inclined.

U.S. AND SUGAR.

Domestic cane and beet sugar producers, before the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee at Washington, which is conducting tariff hearings, maintained that sugar is the only product selling at pre-war prices, and therefore an increase in the import duties of 1 cent. per pound was requested. Other requests were for a readjustment of the Cuban reciprocity tariff schedules and the restriction of duty-free Philippines sugar imports.

DUTCH MARGARINE.

The factories of Van den Berghs and Jurgens in Germany have been further rationalised. The factories at Goch and at Cleve have been amalgamated, and the business of these works have lately been developing very favourably. Ninety per cent. of Germany's present consumption of margarine comes from Dutch factories.

MALAY RUBBER CENSUS.

An official cable from Kuala Lumpur to the Malay States Information Agency gives the result of the census of rubber at the end of December, 1928, as follows:—Estimated dry weight of rubber of all grades on estates of over 100 acres:—F.M.S., 21,743 tons; Straits Settlements (excluding Singapore and Penang), 4,582 tons; Johore, not available. Stocks of prepared rubber ready for sale on the same estates:—F.M.S., 18,200 tons; Straits Settlements (excluding Singapore and Penang), 3,120 tons; Johore, 6,614 tons. Stocks held by dealers:—F.M.S., 9,154 tons; Straits Settlements (excluding Singapore and Penang), 1,527 tons; Johore, 1,679 tons. Dealers' stocks in Singapore and Penang at the same date:—Smoked sheet and crepe, 26,829 tons; other grades, 6,076 tons; total, 32,905 tons.

CUNARD RECORD.

The Cunard line has had another record year in so far as passenger-carrying numbers are concerned. The company states that more passengers crossed the North Atlantic in Cunard ships in 1928 than by any other steamship line or combination of lines and this for the fifth year in succession. The total number carried by the Cunard Line also was 203,204 in 1928. The "big three" —Aquitania, Berengaria and Mauretania—have now for five years in succession carried more first-class passengers than any three steamships of any other line. The total number carried last year was 35,374.

EMERALD RUSH IN THE TRANSVAAL.

The discovery of emeralds in the Leydsdorp district has led to a rush of prospectors and to the pegging of claims (says the *Financial News* Johannesburg Correspondent). Stones are apparently found on the surface of some hills which were formerly examined for indications of gold. It is stated that the gems are of fine quality, and that a consignment has already been sent to London. One of the emerald areas had been searched for gold for forty years, yet until recently emeralds had lain practically on the surface unnoticed. Malaria is the searchers' chief enemy.

CONTINENTAL IRON TRUST.

A Brussels telegram states that a pig iron trust, composed of French, Belgian and Luxembourg producers for the fixing of prices, marketing arrangements, etc., has been formed and will function as from March 1st next.

A General Court of the Bank of Ireland will be held on Friday, 25th instant, to receive the report from the Court of Directors for the past year and to declare a dividend.

TRANSVAAL GOLD OUTPUT.

The estimated working profit of the gold mines of the Transvaal for December amounted to £1,076,384. Of this the Witwatersrand accounted for £1,024,604. The profit for November was £1,053,144.

INDUSTRIAL MARKET.

NEW NICKEL DEALINGS.

TOBACCO SCRIP BONUS EFFECT.

Most of the interest in the Industrial Market yesterday centred around Imperial Tobaccos, or "Imps," as they are more popularly known among dealers. Some hesitation was noticeable at first pending the dividend announcement, but when it became known that a free share bonus of one in four, in addition to an increase in the yearly distribution from 25 per cent. to 26 per cent., was being made, a sharp advance occurred. After easing at first to 128s. 9d., the price quickly advanced to 137s., assisted by "bear" covering. A moderate reaction followed on profit-snatching, but the price went ahead again after official hours in the "street," when it finished at 137s., thus showing a net advance of 7s. 3d. "Bats" hardened ½ to 6½, and Carreras "A" shares put on ½ to 15½, with Godfrey Phillips also in evidence, closing ½ to the good at 2¼.

Quite a fair trading was again witnessed among Breweries. Distillers further advanced to the extent of 6d. to 79s., and Allsopp Ord. were wanted at 36s. 6d. Bass Ord. met with moderate inquiry at 3½.

Margarine Unions and Unies continued in request on Continental account, further advancing to 74s. 6d. and 75s. 6d. respectively. Schweppes Deferred were wanted at 37s. 6d., United Dairies at 34s. 9d., and Spiers and Pond at 94s. 6d.

Some irregularity was again observable in the Artificial Silk section. Courtaulds proved the one bright spot on dividend possibilities, and gradually improved to £5, at which they finished in the "street," showing an improvement of ½ on balance. British Celanese Ord. stiffened ½ to 1½, but the other Celanese issues lost ground.

Textiles moved within narrow limits throughout, and showed little variation on balance. Listers found fresh supporters 6d. up at 24s. 3d., with Bleachers, Bradford Dyers, Calico Printers, J. and P. Coats, Fine Spinners, Sewing Cottons, and Linen Thread all unchanged.

Dealings started in Mond Nickel converted shares in the form of International Nickel (Canada) Letters. Quite a large turnover was witnessed, which continued after official hours in the "street," when the price rose to 70½ at one time, easing later to 68½.

Engineering issues were fairly firm under the lead of Thorneycrofts, which further advanced to the extent of ¼ to 4½. N.C. Metal, the Associate of Stewarts and Lloyds, which were recently introduced to the market, went ahead to £7 at one time, eventually closing 1½ higher on balance at 6¾.

Fresh buying orders were received for several of the Electrical issues. Of the Equipments, British Insulated were in active request and rose 2s. 6d. to 92s., with General Electric in renewed evidence at 59s. 6d. Among the Supply shares, Atlas Light and Power quickly responded to influential buying, the Ord. advancing 1s. 3d. to 24s., and the Pref. 9d. to 23s. 6d.

Cable Securities showed little variation, and Wireless issues moved within narrow limits. Marconi Marines, however, developed fresh strength, and put on ¾ to 3¾. Marconi Ord. had a dull appearance at 77s. 9d., and Radio Corporation at 75. The Canadian-American group developed irregularity, with International Holdings on the dull side at 11¾.

More hopeful trade indications were reflected in the Shipping section. Here Furness Withy were lifted 1s. 6d. to 42s. 6d., and P. and O. Defd. rose 1s 3d. to 64s., with Cunard inquired for at 33s. 3d., and Cairn Lines at 13s. 6d.

Insurance shares met with a little profit-taking, but Banks presented a firm front. Westminsters were in evidence at 20½. It is proposed to sub-divide the £20 shares (£5 paid) into five shares of £4 each, with £1 paid. Land and Investment shares generally had a firm appearance.

A rather mixed display was made by the Mechanical Music section, though steady support was seen in places. Columbia Graphophones and Victors showed little variation throughout, and finished without net change; while Gramophones (H.M.V.) shed ½ at 15¼, after being 15¾. Vocalions were a brighter market, and closed ¼ up at 3¾. A revival of interest was witnessed in Decca Gramophone, the price improving 2s. 3d. to 27s. 9d. Metropoles stiffened to 25s. 3d.

Some of the Swedish issues were favoured, but Kreuger and Toll eased to 39, and Swedish Match "B" shares to 24½. A renewed demand sprang up for United Molasses, which carried the price up to 7½, an advance of ½, the new shares improving to 5¼ premium.

OIL SHARES BUSY FINISH.

During the early hours of yesterday there was little of special interest in the Oil Share market, apart from a sharp upward movement in Canadian Eagles, following the news that the question of the quotation of the shares on the Paris Bourse, which had been receiving the consideration of the French Minister of Finance, had been settled. The rest of the market was uncertain for the greater part of the day, but within a few minutes of the official close the market blazed into activity. The improvement was carried on in the "street," where an active business was in progress up to a late hour, and some substantial gains were recorded on the day.

RUBBER SHARES FIRMER.

Dealings in the Rubber share market remained on a rather quiet scale, but despite this a somewhat firmer tendency was evident, the higher levels marked in the commodity market exercising a beneficial influence on share values. In the commodity market spot and February, after opening higher at 10½d., stiffened further to 10¾d. per lb., while March sold at 10¼d. and April to June 10¾d. per lb. In the share market Bukit Kajang closed 1s. 3d. better at 30s. and Membakut gained a similar amount at 11s. 3d. Malacca put on 1s. 6d., and Rubber Trusts finished 9d. better.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

DUBLIN UNITED TRAMWAYS COMPANY.—At a board meeting, held yesterday, the directors decided to recommend, subject to final audit, the payment of the following dividends:—A dividend on the Pref. Stock at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, less income tax, for the half-year ending 31st December 1928, and a final dividend on the Ord. Stock at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, less income tax, for the same period, making, with 3 per cent. *ad interim* dividend paid in August, a total dividend of 4 per cent. for the year 1928; to set aside for renewal of track £50,000, for mortgage and debenture redemption fund £15,000, for renewal of overhead lines and cables £7,000, and carry forward £13,785 13/-. Last year—6 per cent. on Pref. Stock; 6 per cent. on Ord. Stock, making 4½ per cent. for the year; track renewals £50,000, mortgage and debenture redemption fund £15,000, carry forward £13,368.

CARDIFF PURE ICE AND COLD STORAGE.—Dividend of 3 per cent., free of tax, for year 1928.

LEICESTER REAL PROPERTY.—A final dividend at rate of 7½ per cent. per annum, less tax.

NORTHERN TRUST.—A dividend of 2½ per cent. on Pref. Shares and a dividend of 5 per cent. on Ord. Shares, making 5 per cent. on Pref. Shares and 10 per cent. on Ord. Shares for year.

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK.—The profits of the National Provincial Bank for 1928 amount to £2,108,665, to which is added £865,276 brought forward, making £2,972,140. A final dividend of 9 per cent., subject to deduction of income tax, makes 18 per cent. for the year, pension fund receiving £100,000, bank premises account £100,000, contingencies account £500,000, and £865,845 being carried forward. The full accounts for the year have now been issued, and below will be found a comparison of the principal items with those of the two preceding years:—

	1926.	1927.	1928.
	£	£	£
Deposits &c.	259,249,807	273,597,202	290,310,255
Acceptances	9,166,822	12,084,760	19,563,740
Cash	28,528,200	32,078,961	34,362,652
Balances at cheques	9,402,624	9,737,553	9,808,248
Short money	18,769,651	21,817,455	25,920,942
Bills discounted	35,100,607	38,993,472	43,547,759
Investments	36,947,304	35,378,615	36,973,698
Advances	142,190,250	146,715,210	150,823,520

PRICE AND PIERCE.—Dividend at rate of 20 per cent. per annum, less tax, also share bonus of one fully-paid 6 per cent. Pref. Share for every ten Ord. Shares held.

VULCANITE.—A dividend on Ord. Shares at rate of 5 per cent. per annum, less tax. (Last year nil.)

WESTMINSTER CHAMBERS ASSOCIATION.—A dividend of 6¾ per cent., being 13/6 on each share, for half-year ended December 31, 1928, making 12¾ per cent., or 25/6 on each share, for year. Dividend being paid less tax.

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

BIRMINGHAM.—Motors sluggish. Guys steady. Fords lower again. S.T.D. easy. Humbers touched new low. Singers and Maudslays firmer. Dunlops dull. Austin Preferred, 8/1½; Bluemel, 45/-; Components, 11/6; Dennis, 61/9; Enfield, 28/9; Ford, 50/9 premiums; Guys, 27/6; Humbers, 30/-; Leylands, 31/6; Lucas, 87/-; Maudslays, 26/9; Napier, 57/1½; Rolls, 41/9; Rover, 10/-; Singers, 37/-; S.T.D., 4/3; Standard, 7/9; Triumphs, 14/6; Dunlops, 28/3.

MANCHESTER.—Textiles in steady request, and prices mostly firm. Bleachers, 33/-35/6; Calicos, 26/9-27/3; Dyers, 45/-45/6; Cottons, 56/-37/-; Spinners, 45/-43/6; "Shubbers," 7/-7/3; Coats, 68/6-69/-; Velvets 26/6-27/-; Countaulds, 95/6-98/9; Dunlops, 28/3-28/6; Turner and Newall, 24/-; Nuers Silk 35/-; ditto Deferred, 26/3; Calicos, 30/-; ditto Preference, 14/6.

BRITISH FUNDS, ETC.

	Closing.	Rise or fall.
Consols 2½ %	58⅛	58⅝	
Do. 4%	67⅞	68⅛	+ ⅛
War Loan, 5½ %	99⅛	99½	
Do. 5%	103¾	103	
Do. 4% (Tax Free)	101	101¼	
Funding Loan	90¾	91¼	+ ¼
Victory Bonds	93¼	93⅝	
2½ % Conversion Loan	80	80¼	+ ¼
4½ % Conversion Loan	99⅛	100	
4½ % Treasury Bonds	94⅜	95⅜	
Irish Land 3½ %	59	60	
India 3%	61	62	
Do. 3½ %	71	72	
Do. 4% %	91½	92½	
Do. 5% %	101¼	101⅝	
Local Loans	65⅛	66	
Indian 3½ %	107	109	

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Australian Com. 5 p.c.	98	100
Do. do. 6 p.c.	102	104
British Columbia 4½ p.c. 1941	95	97
Canada 4 p.c. 1940-60	90	92
Cape 3½ p.c. Cons.	77	79
Ceylon 6 p.c.	105	107
N.S.W. 4½ p.c. 1935-45	30	32
Do. 5 p.c. 1945-65	97	99
Do. 6½ p.c. 1930-40	100	102
New Zealand 4 p.c. Cons., '29	99½	100
Do. 5 p.c. 1945	102	104
Nigeria 6 p.c.	112	114
Queensland 5½ p.c. 1926-29	89	100
Do. 5 p.c. 1940-60	98	100
South African 5 p.c., 1938-43	100	100
Do. 6 p.c.	101	103
South Australian 5 p.c., 1932-42	97	99
Do. 5 p.c. 1945-75	97	99
Western Australian 5 p.c., 1936-45	97	99
Do. 6 p.c. 1930-40	99	101

BANKS.

Anglo-South American	8	8¼
Bank of Australasia	34½	35½
Bank of England	364	365
Bank of Montreal	81	84
Bank of New South Wales	48¾	49¾
Do. New Zealand	39·0	41·0
Barclay's "A" Shares	15⅛	15⅜
British Overseas	5¾	6
Canadian of Commerce	68½	69½
Chartered of India	21⅞	22⅜
Hong Kong and Shanghai	149	151
Lloyds	66	67·0
Martins	7⅛	7⅜
Midland	91½	94
National Discount "B"	10¼	10½
National Provincial (£4 pd.)	14⅛	14⅝
Royal of Canada	78	82
Standard of South Africa	15⅞	16⅜
Union of Australia	15½	16
Westminster Bank	20⅛	20⅜

FOREIGN BONDS.

100¾	Argentine 5 p.c. 1886...	99	101
85½	Do. 4 p.c. Rescission	95	97
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1909	95	97
101⅝	Austrian 6 p.c. Guar...	101	103
108¾	Belgian 7 p.c.	108	110
100	Brazil 6½ p.c. S. Bds. '27	100	102
93	Do. Funding, 1908 ...	88½	90½
88½	Do. 5 p.c. do., 1914...	88½	90½
97½	Chinese 5 p.c., 1896 ...	96	98
79½	Do. 4½ p.c., 1898 ...	78	80
51¼	Do. 5 p.c., 1912 ...	50	52
67¾	Do. 5 p.c. Reorg. 1913	68	70
73	Chinese Imp. Ry. 5% Gld.	71	74
111¾	Czecho-Slovakia Bonds...	84	86
84¾	Egyptian Unified	84	86
19¾	French Loan	19½	20
17	Do. 4 p.c.	16¾	17¼
104	German 7 p.c.	103	107
101¼	Greek 7 p.c.	101	102
18½	Italian Rentes	18	20
94½	Japan 4 p.c., 1905	94	96
37	Mexican 5 p.c., 99	36	38
43	Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Treas	42	45
21½	Peruvian Corporation ...	21	22
60¼	Do. Pref.	60	61
102½	Do. Deb.	100	101
90	Polish 8 p.c. Sterling...	90	92
42	Portuguese 3 p.c.	41	43*
—	Spanish 4 p.c.	79	83
23	Turkish Unified	23¼	23¾

BRITISH RAILS.

84¾	Great Western	84	85
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	98	100
54¾	Ldn., Mid. & Scot. Ord	54½	55½
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	74	76
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref.	95½	97½
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref., 1923	72	74
26½	Ldn. North-East. 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	26	27
12⅜	Do. Def. Ord.	11¾	12¼
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref...	63	65
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref...	53	55
67	Metropolitan	66½	67½
80	Do. District	79½	80½
76¾	Southern Pref. Ord.....	76½	77½
32¾	Do. Def. Ord.	32½	33½
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	—	96
27/0	Underground Elec. (£1).	26·6	27·6
127	Do. Income Bonds.....	126	127

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

94½	Antofagasta	94	96
—	Argentine G.W. Ord...	84	86
—	Bahia Blanca Guar. Stk	84	86
108½	Buenos Ayres Gt. Sthn...	108	110
99¾	Buenos Ayres Pacific...	98½	100½
97½	Buenos Ayres and W...	97	99
—	Canadian National Guar	68	70*
249	Canadian Pacific	249	251
98¾	Central Argentine	98	100
91½	Do. Def.	91	93
93½	Central Uruguay	93	95
38½	Cordoba Central	38	40
96	Do. 1st Pref.	95	97
63½	Do. 2nd Pref.	62	65
98½	Entre Rios	98	100
—	Do. 6 p.c. Cum. Pref	99	101
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar	81	82
—	Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb.	81	83
—	Interntl. of Cent. Amer	58	58
58½	Leopoldina	57	58
6	Mexican Rails	5½	6½
15	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	14	16
5	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	4	6
202	Sao Paulo Ord.	203	207
47	United Havana	45½	47½

AMERICAN RAILS.

—	Atchison	205	207
—	Chesapeake	223	225
—	Chicago Milwaukee New	32¼	32⅝
—	Erie	72	74
—	Do. 1st Pref.	64	66
—	New York Ontario	82	84
—	Pennsylvania	82	84
158	Southern Common	158	160*
—	Southern Pacific	135	137
224	Union Pacific	225	227

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.

35/6	Allsopp £1 Shares	36·0	37/0
73/6	Bass Ratcliff Ord.	3?2	3?4
18/3	Brewers of Vancouver...	18·0	18·6
90/0	City of London Ord.....	89·0	91·0
69/6	Courage Ord.	75·6	76·6
78/6	Distillers Ord.	78·6	79·6
430	Guinness Ord.	428	430
74/0	Hall & Ord.	31?5	315?
80/6	Ind' Coope Ord.	4	4?6
61/6	South African Breweries	2	3?8
—	Walker (John) Pref....	23/3	24/3
65/6	Watney, Combe Def. (£1)	64/6	65·6

ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

—	Bournemouth and Poole..	?5·0	70·0
23/9	Charing Cross	25/6	26·6
—	Chelsea Ord.	26·6	27·0
32/6	City of London Ord.....	31·6	32·6
48·0	County of London	48·0	49·0
—	Lancashire Electric	30·0	31·0
23/9	London Electric	25·0	26·0
47/0	Metropolitan	46/0	48·0
27/0	Newcastle	27·0	28·0
27/6	St. James's	27·0	28·0
—	South London	26·6	27·6
26·9	Westminster Elec.	26·6	27·0
—	Whitehall Inv. Pref....	24·3	24·9

INSURANCE.

20½	Alliance £20 (£2 4/- p.)	20¼	21¼
15½	Atlas £5 (£1 5/- p.).....	15¼	15¾
29	Com. Un. (£2½ paid) ...	28½	29½
13	Eagle Star Ord. £5.....	12¾	13¼
81·0	Employers' £1 (5/- p.)..	82·0	84·0
16	Gen. Accdt. £5 (£1¼ p.)	15½	16
11¾	Guardian £5 (10/- p.)...	11½	12
33	L. & Lan Fire £5 (£1 p.)	32¼	33¼
12	Lon. Ass. £24 (£1¼ p..	11¾	12¼
39	N.B. & Mer £5 (£1¼ p..	38½	39½
18½	Northern £10 (£1 p.)..	18	19
15⅝	Phœnix £10 (£1 p.).....	15⅜	15?8
16½	Do. £1 (1.p.)	15?8	16?6
27½	Prudential	27	28
2⅛	Do. "B" £1 (4/- p.)	2	2?8
7¼	Royal Exchange	6¾	7¼
9	Royal Ins. £1 (10/- p.)	9	9¼
45	Sun Ins. £10 (£2 p.)...	44	46
60⅜	Sun Life £10	59	61
16½	Yorkshire £5 (10/- p.)..	16	17

IRON, COAL AND STEEL.

9·9	Amal. Anthracite	9·3	9·9
27/6	Armstrong (W. G.).....	1·9	2·3
69·3	Babcock-Wilcox Ord. ...

LONDON MINING MARKET REVIVAL.

KAFFIRS' CONTINUED ADVANCE.

There is no doubt that the Mining Market has recovered its old-time popularity. The public demand for specialities has continued to expand, and this has led to a welcome all-round revival, so much so that what may be described as outside buying has been more than sufficient to off-set heavy professional profit-taking. The improvement in Kaffirs has been slow, but it has been continuous, and a further general advance was scored yesterday. Rhodesians again occupied the leading position, and a very large business was put through in all the usual favourites, dealings being continued until late in the "street." Paris sold Chartered, and realisations were fairly numerous here, but New York was reported a buyer, and on balance only a trifling set-back was recorded. Bwana M'Kubwa were also in strong demand on American account, and the price rose rapidly to a new high record level. Roan Antelope were actively bid up, and of the other Northern issues, Congo Border, N'Changa, and Loangwa were all higher on the day, despite heavy professional profit-taking. The feature in the Diamond section was the steady demand for Consolidated Diamonds, both on home and German account on persistent rumours of amalgamation with the De Beers. De Beers Defd. were marked down fractionally. The price of tin rallied £1 to £223 7s. 6d. per ton, but this failed to restore animation to the share market, which was quite overshadowed by the excitement and activity in neighbouring departments. Australians made a much better showing than for some time past, Horseshoe Prefd. and Ord. being prominent on persistent rumours of amalgamation with the Lake View and Star. Mining Corporation and Vipond were wanted on home and Canadian account, the latter on reported good developments. Elsewhere San Francisco rose rapidly, and Minerals Separation went ahead. Closing prices:—

SOUTH AFRICAN.

M.U. Jan. 21.		
21 9	Afric. & Eur.	22 0-22 6 +0/3
23 6	Anl.Mg.Tst.	23 6-24 0
2 5/16	Anglo-A Cp.	2 5/16-2 1/4 + 1/32
23 6	Anglo-Fr'ch.	23 3-23 9
4 3/4	Brakpan	4 23/32-4 25/32
19	Cent. Mining	18 3/4-19 1/4
7/32	City Deep	5/8-11/16
2 7/8	Con.Goldflds	2 15/16-2 7/8
19 0	Cons. M.Reef	18 3-18 9 -0/6
19 0	Con. M.Sel.	18/9-19 3
3 1/32	Crown Mines	3 1/32-3 5/32
1/2	Durban Deep	1/2-5/8
14/9	E.Rand Prop	14/3-14 9 -0/3
3 25/32	Geduld	3 15/16-3 7/8 + 1/32
5/0	Geiden Deep	4/9-5 3
1 5/8	Gen. Mining	1 11/32-1 13/32
5/16	Glynn's L'bg	5/16-5/16
15/-	Govt. M. (5/)	15 1/32-15 3/32
10	HendiesPlat.	0 6-0 9 -0/1 1/2
3 1/2	Hendersons	3 0-3 3
49 6	JohanInvsts.	49 0-50 0
3 0	Kleinfontein	2 6-3 0
9 6	Knight's	8 6-9 6
23 0	LanglaagteE	22 9-23 3
3 9	Lydenb'g Plt	3 6 3/4-3 9 3/4
1/2	Meyer&Char	7/16-9/16
5/16	Modderfontn	5 15/32-5 15/32 + 1/32
25 0	Modder B.	24 9-25 3
1 3/4	Modder Deep	1 23/32-1 25/32
1 1/2	Modder East	1 15/32-1 17/32
1 1/16	New S.Areas	1 21/32-1 23/32
5/8	Nigel	5/9-6 9
9 3	Nourse	9/0-9 6
7 0	Oceana Con.	6 0-7 0
4 3	Potgeit'rust.	4/0-4/6 + 0/1 1/2
3 5/16	Rand Mines.	3 5/16-3 3/8 + 1/32
8 6	Randfontein	8 3-8 9
1 3/32	RobinDeep B	1 1/16-5/4 + 3/32
6 6	Rose Deep	6 0 7/0
3 0	Summer & J.	2 10 1/2-3 1 1/2
1 5/16	S.A. G. Trust	1 1/2-1 9/16
13 9	S.A. Towns.	13 3-13 9
3 21/16	Springs	3 21/32-3 23/32
16 6	Sth.-W. Af.	15 6-16 0
2 17/32	Sub Nigel	2 15/32-2 17/32 + 1/32
3 1/4	Trans.Del.B	3 5/8-3 7/8
2 1/8	Trans. Con.L	2 1/8-2 1/4
13	Trans. Devel	11/3-11 9
4 21/32	Union Corp.	4 19/32-4 21/32 - 1/32
1/2	Van Ryn	10.9-11 9
2 3/32	Do. Deep	2 1/4-2 5/8
2 5/16	Vereeniging	2 5/16-2 7/16
4 1/2	Village Deep	4 0-4 6
12 9	West R. Con	12 3-12 9 -0/3
23 6	West Sp'ings	23 3-23 9
4 9	Wit. Deep	4/9-5 3

RHODESIAN.

M.U. Jan. 21.		
10/1	BechuanaEx	9/0-10/3
8/6	Beira T.Sites	7/16-9/16 + 1/16
18/9	B. M'Kubwa	22 3-22 9 + 2 7 1/2
1 15/16	Cam &Motor	1 29/32-1 31/32
39 3	Char. B S.A.	39/3-39 6 -0 3
1/1 1/2	Falcon	0/9-1 3 -0/1 1/2
5/9	GaikaGold	5/6-6 6
11/9	Globe & Phœ	11/9-12/3
11/1 1/2	Gold F. Rho.	11 0-11 6
1 11/16	Lonely Reef.	1 21/32-1 25/32
7/8	Rezende	15/16-15/16
2 5/16	Roan Antel(5/	2 5/16-2 5/8 + 1/4
5 1 1/2	R.Broken H.	5 1 1/2-5 4 1/2
4 3/8	R.CongoBor.	4 7/8 5 + 1/8
7 9	Selukwe (2/6)	7/9-8 3
12/3	Shamva	11/6-12 6
19/32	Sherw'd Star	9/16-5/8
7/16	S. Rhd. Mtls.	8/6-9/0
3 9/32	Tangan. Con	3 7/32-3 9/32 - 1/32
3 5/32	Vic. FallsOrd	3 5/32-3 9/32
34 0	Do. Pref.	33 6-34 6
27 0	Wankie Col.	27 6-28/6 + 0 6
2 19/32	Zamb. Expl.	2 9/16-2 5/8

DIAMOND.

15/16	Angola Dia.	19 0-19 3
15/32	Cn.D.S.W.A	23/6-24 0 + 0 6
11 7/8	DeBeersDef.	11 15/16-12 1/16 - 1/16
11 7/8	Do. Pref.	11/8-12
2 5/8	Jagersf'tein.	2 5/16-2 7/16
5/8	N. Val.River	11/32-15/32
5 5/8	Premier Pref	5 5/8-5 7/8
11/16	WestAfrican	5/8-3/4

AUSTRALIAN

14 0	Amal. Zinc	13/6-14 6
1/1 1/2	Associated	1/0-1 6
26/6	B. Hill Prop.	26 3-27/3
2 21/32	Do.South.	2 5/8-2 3/4
1 11/16	Elec.Zinc Pf.	1 11/16-1 13/16
13 9	Lake V. Star	13/3-13 9
5	Nth. Bn. Hill	5-5 1/8
16 6	Sth. Kalgurli	16 3-17 3
5/16	Star Emld.	1/8-1/4
17 6	Sulphide Ord	17/3-18 3 + 0/3
24 6	Do. Pref.	24 9-25 9
2 1/4	Zinc Ord(10/)	2 5/16-2 7/16*
4 5/16	Do. Pref.	4 1/4-4 3/8

COPPER.

22 6	Arizona (5/)	22 0-23 0
16 1 1/2	Messina	16/3-16 9 + 0/3
39 9	Mount Lyell	39/6-40 6
3/3	Mt. Morgan	3/3-4 3
1 1/16	Namaqua	15/16-1 1/16
61 1/2	RioTinto(£5)	62-62 1/2

RUSSIAN.

5 1 1/2	Lena Gold	5/0-5/3 -0/1 1/2
3 7 1/2	Russo-Asiatic	3 7 1/2-3/10 1/2

TIN.

M.U. Jan. 21.		
7/9	Anglo-C. (10/)	7/6-8/0
11 3	Anglo-Orient	11/0-12 0
19 6	Do Pref	19/3-20 3
3 11/32	Aramayo	3 1/4-3 3/8
12 3	Associa'd Tin	11/6-12 6
22 6	Bauchi Ord.	21 9-22 9
28 6	Do. Pref.	27 9-28 9
10/6	Bisichi	10 3-10 9
1/10 1/2	Entesee Tr'st	1 9-2 3
0 10 1/2	Fabulosa	0/6-1/0
2 1/4	Gopeng	2 3/16-2 5/16*
1 7/16	Ipoh	1 15/32-1 15/32
1 1/8	Kaduna Synd	1 1/16-1 3/16
17 0	Kamunting	16 9-17 3
1 7/16	Krain'l Pulai	1 13/32-1 15/32
3 5/8	London Tin.	3 9/16-3 5/8 - 1/32
17/4 1/2	Do.Mal.T'st	17/0-17 6
25 6	MalayanT.D	25/3-25 9
10 6	Mongu	10/0-11 0
1 1/2	Naraguta	1 7/16-1 9/16
11 0	Pahang(5/)	10 9-11/3
18 6	Rambutan	7/8-1*
1 17/32	Renong	1 1/2-1 9/16
9 6	Ropp New (4/)	9/3-9 9
18 6	Siamese	18 3-18 9
1 6	Sth. Bukeru	1/0-1/6
18 6	Tavoy (4/)	17 9-18/3 -0 3
5/0	TinProps.(2/)	4/9-5/0
32 0	Tin Selec. Tst	31 3-32 3 -0/6
19 3	Tronoh (5/)	18 9-19 3

WEST AFRICAN.

22 9	Ashanti	22 6-23 6
15.0	Fanti Cons.	15 6-16 0 + 0/6

MISCELLANEOUS.

2/6	BarrierTrust	2/3-2 9
18/9	Burma Corp.	18 4 1/2-18 7 1/2 -0/1 1/2
3 10 1/2	C'mp Bird(2/)	3 9-4 0
9/6	Champ. Reef	9 6-10/6
7/8	Chos.Synd.A	7/8-15/16
25/32	Huronian Blt	25/32-25/32
1 10 1/2	Keeley Silver	1 9-2 3
2 0	Kirkland L.	1/16-1/8
1 5/16	MexicoMin's	1 1/8-1 3/8
3 11/16	Min.Sepa't'n	4-4 1/4 + 1/4
18 6	Min.Crp.Can	18 6-19/6 + 0 3
15 9	Mysore (10/)	15 6-16 6
4 4 1/2	Nat. Min.(8/)	4 3-4 6
17 9	Nundydroog	17 6-18 6
12 6	Ooregum	12 6-13 6 + 0 6
11/9	St.J.DelRey.	11.0-12 0
32/0	San Fr'isco	33 6-34/0 + 1.9
13 0	Santa Gert	12/10 1/2-13 4 1/2 + 0/1 1/2
4 7 1/2	Vipond	4 7 1/2-4 10 1/2 + 0/1 1/2
14/3	Waihi Gold	14/0-15/0

* Ex Dividend. † Ex Rights ‡ Ex bonus.

FREE STATE EXCHEQUER RETURN.

GOOD WEEK'S REVENUE.

The Free State Exchequer return from April 1, 1928, to January 19, 1929, shows that revenue is £861,940 less and expenditure £107,417 lower than in the corresponding period of the previous year. The figures are:—

REVENUE.		EXPENDITURE.	
1928-9	£18,145,718	1928-9	£19,830,902
1927-8	£19,007,658	1927-8	£19,938,319
Less	£861,940	Lower	£107,417

Total issues at £22,574,617 are £1,610,699 greater than total receipts at £20,963,918.

THE WEEK'S FIGURES.

Revenue last week was £905,307, an increase of £83,016 compared with the same week of last year. £11,000 came from excess profits and £149,000 from motor tax. Expenditure was £2,795 greater than in the same week of last year. The figures are:—

REVENUE.

	Week ending Jan. 19, '29.	Week ending Jan. 21, '28.
Customs	£176,000	£166,000
Excise	195,000	260,000
Motor Tax	149,000	155,000
Estate Duty	18,000	16,000
Stamps	6,000	5,000
Income Tax	312,000	189,000
Corporation Tax	8,000	1,000
Excess Profits	11,000	8,000
Land and Sundry	4,921	9,217
Other Receipts	25,386	13,074
Total for Week	£905,307	£822,291

EXPENDITURE.

Central Fund	£149,000	£195,205
Supply Services	459,000	410,000
Total Expenditure	£608,000	£605,205

EXCHEQUER BALANCE.

The only "other receipt" was £38,000 from Savings Certificates. There were no other issues," and after making the necessary adjustments there is a sum of £335,307 to carry to the Exchequer balance, raising that figure to £766,882, compared with £291,833 at the same date last year.

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

BRITISH CONTROLLED OILFIELDS.

The annual report of the directors appears in our issue to-day. The gross profit is £550,280 and the net £169,472. The directors are able to state that the results of the year's working are very satisfactory. Although the fall in the world prices for petroleum and petroleum products has caused a falling off in the company's gross receipts, the economies in working expenditure due to the introduction of modern methods and machinery have been almost sufficient to offset the reduction in revenue, and the balance at credit of profit and loss has been further increased to £1,003,560, while cash and Government securities, together with stocks of oil at realised value, stand in the balance sheet at £690,175, as against £779,132 a year before.

OIL MARKET RUMOURS.

Within a few minutes of the official close of the London Stock Exchange yesterday the Oil Share market suddenly blazed into activity, and whereas at one minute dealers were standing about idly, the next strong bidding was in progress, which embraced not only the recognised leaders, but several of the more speculative favourites. Prices were at first slow to respond, the upward movement being continued in the "street," where dealings were of a much more lively character than for many weeks past. Nothing of a definite nature transpired to account for the sudden change of sentiment, but rumours were in circulation, which emanated from New York, to the effect that an agreement had been reached between the leading producers in America and Russia in the matter of curtailment of production. Should there prove to be any truth in these rumours the outlook for the industry, and consequently the Oil Share market, would be greatly improved.

BWANA M'KUBWA FINANCING.

In a circular to shareholders, the Secretary of the Bwana M'kubwa Copper Mining Co., Ltd., states that, in view of the very satisfactory development of the N'kana Mine and the large indicated tonnages of sulphide ore, and also considering the large interest in the N'kana Concession, for which purpose funds would be required to assist in the prospecting, development, and eventual equipment of other properties, the Board has decided to raise all the necessary funds, and to inform shareholders of the completion of satisfactory arrangements with Rhodesian Anglo-American, Ltd. The Rhodesian Anglo-American, Ltd., will exercise options immediately, and advance an amount up to £250,000 in consideration for the right up to 1932 to call the unissued capital not required in respect of the exercise of options on the conversion of debentures.

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORT.

Barometer—At 5 p.m. 30.

Wind and Weather—Light easterly winds; overcast.

Foreign Arrivals—Ss. Theano, of Rotterdam, 368 tons register (Captain Onnes), from Rotterdam, with general cargo; discharged at Transit Sheds, North Wall Extension, and proceeded to Belfast with part cargo; ss. Dunmore Head, of Belfast, 1,666 tons register (Captain Cole), from Riga, via Rouen, with general cargo; discharging at Alexandra Wharf, Alexandra Basin; ss. Hedwig Fisser, of Hamburg, 1,086 tons register (Captain Mahnke), from Bayonne, light, to load scrap iron; berthed at North Wall.

Coastwise Arrivals — Ss. Lady Limerick, from Limerick, with passengers and goods; ss. Slieve Donard, ss. South Stack, from Holyhead, with goods; ss. Cairnsmore, from Liverpool, with goods; ss. Lady Wicklow, from Manchester, with goods; m.v. De Wadden, from Ballinacurra, with oats; m.v. Cynric, from Waterford, with malt; ss. Aquilla, ss. Poplar, ss. ..., ss. Ophir, from Garston, with coals; ss. ...on, ss. Cornelian, ss. Downshire, ss. Ringwall, ss. Ayr, with coals; ss. Lagan, from Glasgow, with coals.

DEALINGS IN LONDON MARKET.

The following dealings among active stocks and shares were "marked" in London yesterday:—

Consols—56 7/16, 3/8, 1/2, 5/16, 9/16. **5 p.c. War Loan**—102, 15/16, 7/8, 13/16, *3, *5/16, *2 13/16, 3. **4 p.c. War Loan**—101, 1/8, 1/4, 1/16. **Funding Loan**—91 1/8, 3/32, 90 15/16, 7/8, 1 3/16, 1/16, *3/16, 1/4, 5/32. **Conversion Loan 3 1/2 p.c.**—79 15/16, 80 1/16, 1/8, 3/16, 1/4, *1/4, 5/32. **4 p.c. Consols**—88, 7 7/8, 8, 1/16, *1/8, 7 31/32, 15/16, 8, 1/32. **Australia 5 p.c. Stock**—99, 5/8, 3/8, 1/4. **4 1/2 p.c. Treasury Loan**—98, 13/16, 7/8, 15/16, *17/32, 29/32; **do.** (part paid)—9 31/32. **Aerated Bread**—25/4 1/2, 9d., 6d., 3d. **African and Eastern**—13/3, 4 1/2d., 13/-. **Allied Newspapers Ord.**—55/-. **Amalgamated Press**—24/6, 10 1/2d., 7 1/2d. **Anglo-Dutch Rubber**—37/-, 1 1/2d., 6/6, 10 1/2d., 9d., 7/3. **Assoc. Cement**—*28/6, 3d., 3 3/4d., 5 1/4d., 6d., 4 1/2d., 7 1/2d., *9d. **Alliance Art Silk**—3/1 1/2, 2/10 1/2. **Antofagasta Railway Ord.**—95 1/2. **Assoc. Newspapers Def.** (x.d.)—46/3, 10 1/2d., 6/-, 8/1 1/2, 7/9, 9 3/4d., 5/11 1/4, 7/6, 2d., 1/4d., 6/-, 7/3, 5/7 1/2, 8/9, 6d. **Bovril Def.**—42/6. **Baird Television A**—8/9, 9/1 1/2, 3d., 6d., 5 1/4d., 10/3, 1 1/2d., 9/9. **Bradley's (Chepstow)**—60/6, 7 1/2d. **Brazilian Traction**—80 1/2, 7/8, 3/4, 5/8, 1 1/8, 2, 1/2. **British-American Tobacco**—61 7/32, £6 10/6, 6 1/2, 9/16, 17/32, 19/32. **British Celanese**—30/-, 3 3/4d., 29/4 1/2, 30/11 1/4, *27/6. **British Match Ord.**—33/6, 7 1/2d., 6 3/4d., 4d., 1/2d., 9d. **British Oil and Cake**—32/6, 3/-. **Buenos Ayres Great Southern**—108 1/2, 3/4, 9, 8 5/8, 7/8, 9. **Calico Printers**—27/-, 9d. **Canadian Pacific**—250, *1 3/4, 50 1/8, *2, 49 1/2, 52, *2, 50 3/4, 49 3/4. **Central Argentine Cons.**—99, 1/8, 8, 5/8, *1/2, 9 1/4. **Coats**—69/-, *8/-, 3d., 6d., 8/3. **Courtaulds**—96/6 3/4, *3d., 7/3, 6d., 6/10 1/2, 8/1 1/2, 7/-, 9 3/4d., 8/9, 8/-, 6/6 3/4. **Crosse and Blackwell**—5/6, 5 1/4d. **Crystalate Gramophone**—6/3 3/4, 4d., 1/2d., 6d., 1 1/2d., 3d., 6/-. **Cunard Ord.**—32/9, 10 1/2d., 3/-, 1 1/2d., 3d., 6d.; **do. Debs.**—100 3/4, 1. **"Daily Mail" Trust**—99/7 1/2, 100/-, 7 1/2d., 1/6 3/4, 3d., 100/9 3/4. **"Daily Mirror" Ord.**—36/9, 7 1/2d., 7/-, 6/6, 7/3, 6/7 1/2, 10 1/2d., 7/6, 3d. **Dunlop Ord.**—25/6, 3d., *7 1/2d., 4 1/2d., 6 3/4d.; **do. "C" Pref.**—24/10 1/2; **do. 6 p.c. Debs.**—102 1/4; **do. Plantations**—21/6, 1 1/2d. **East Asiatic Rubber**—2/7 1/2. **Elder-Dempster 6 p.c. Pref.**—16/7 1/2. **English Sewing Cotton**—56/9, 7/3. **Fine Cotton Spinners**—45/3. **Ford Motors**—61/3, 60/7 1/2, 1/10 1/2, 1/-, 6 3/4d., 2/6. **General Electric**—59/6, 1 1/2d., 3d., *8/9, 60/-, *59/-, 4 1/2d., 8/9, 9/1 1/2; **do. Debs.**—106 1/2, 7, 6 1/8. **German 7 p.c. External Loan**—106 1/4, 1/2, 1/8, 3/16. **Great Western Rail**—84 13/16, 1/2, 5/8, 7/8, *5/8, 5; **do. 5 p.c. Pref.**—98 1/8. **Greek 7 p.c. Refugee**—101 7/16, 1/2, 3/8, 3/8. **Guinness Ord.**—435. **Harland and Wolff Pref.**—15/9, 7 1/2d., *16/-. **Harrods Ord.**—76/-, *5/6, 9d., 6/3, 1 1/2d., 6/-, 6d. **Hudson's Bay Ord.**—6 3/8, 15/32, 1/2, 17/32, 13/32. **Hungarian 7 1/2 p.c., 1924**—104 1/4, *13/4. **Imperial Airways**—26/3, 7/-, 3d., 4 1/2d., 6/1 1/2, 9d., 6/-. **Imperial Chemical Ord.**—42/-, 1 1/2d., 1/10 1/2, 9d., 2/0 3/4, 1/11 1/4, *39/-, *3d., 40/4 1/2, 39/9, 7 1/2d.; **ditto Def.**—16/-, 3d., 15/10 1/2, *7 1/2d., *9d., 16/3 3/4, *15/6, *14/6, 15/6, *14/9, 15/-, 3d., 14/6. **Imperial Tobacco**—130/-, 3d., 28/9, 9/-, 6d., 7 1/2d., 35/- 6/3, 4/-, 7/-, 6/3, 28/6, 30/-, 2/-, 33/-, 7/3, 3/9, *28/6, 36/11 1/2, 7/11 1/2, 3/-, 6/9. **International Holdings**—12, 1/8, 11 7/8, 3/4, 13/16, 15/16, 12 1/8. **Inveresk Paper**—60/-, 59/4 1/2, 60/7 1/2, 60/3. **Lever 7 p.c. Pref.**—23/-, 3d., 6d., *2/10 1/2, *9d., 5/1 1/2, *3d., 4 1/2d., 2/11 1/4. **Lipton Ord.**—7/6, 4 1/2d., 9d., 10 1/2d. **London Asiatic Rubber**—*4/6 3/4. **London Midland and Scottish Ord.**—54 5/8, 11/16, *1/2, 7/8, 1/2, 5, *4 1/4, 1/2. **London and N.E. Pref.-Ord.**—26 3/8, 1/4, 5/8, *5/8, 1/2, 7/16. **London and N.E. Def.-Ord.**—11 7/8, *4, 12, 1/8, 11 3/4. **Lyons (J.) and Co. Ord.**—105/-, 4/4 1/2. **Malayalam Rubber**—*33/9, 4/-. **Marconi Ord.**—*81/3, 77/9, 3d., 8/-, 7/10 1/2, *6d., 8/1 1/2, *7/1 1/2; **ditto Marine**—73/5 1/4, *2/-, 6d., 3/9, *9d., 5/-. **Margarine Union Ord.**—73/9, 4/9, *4/-, 7 1/2d., 6d., 3d., 8 1/4d., 5/-, *3/3, 9d., 4/10 1/2, 3/9. **Maypole Def.**—5/6 3/4, 7 1/2d., 8 1/4d., 5 1/4d., 6d. **Metropolitan Rail**—67 3/8, 1/8. **Metropole Gramophones**—29/3, 9d., 9/-. **Machine-Made Sales**—24/9, 5/-, 3d., 6d., 4 1/2d., 7 1/2d., 10 1/2d., 1 1/2d. **Ner Sag**—33/9, 2/6, 6/-, 3/-, 6/10 1/2, 7/6, 5/-, *2/6, 2/10 1/2; **ditto Overseas**—4/-, 3d., 3/9, 4/4 1/2, 1 1/2d., 2 1/4d., 3/10 1/2. **Parent Def.**—36/3. **Peruvian Corporation Pref.**—60 3/4, 1/2, 3/8. **Phillips (Godfrey) Ord.**—44/9, 3/9, 5/-, 7 1/2d. **Provincial Cinema Theatres**—19/6, 10 1/2d., 20/-, 19/9, 20/3, 19/7 1/2. **Radio Corporation Common**—72. **Roan Antelope**—47/2 1/4, 6d., 8/9, 7/-, 50/-, 7 1/2d., 3d., 1/3, 48/1 1/2, 50/3 3/4, 6d., 49/4 1/2, 9d., 6d., 6/10 1/2, 53/1 1/2. **Rubber Trust**—39/-, 1 1/2d., 6d., 8/9, 9/3, 2 1/4d. **Selfridge Trust**—25/-. **Smithfield and Argentine**—9/-. **Southern Rail Pref.-Ord.**—77 1/4, 1/8, 6 1/2, *5/8, 7/8; **ditto Def.-Ord.**—32 1/2, 11/16, 3/4, 3/8, *5/8, 7/8. **Sudan Plantations**—86/3, 5/7 1/2, 4 1/2d., 5/-, 6/-, 6d., 5/9, 4 1/2d., 7 1/2d. **"Sunday Pictorial" Ord.**—91/3, *90/-, 2/6. **Swedish Match "B"**—24 9/16, 1/2, 3/8, 5/16, 7/16. **Tobacco Securities**—80/-, 76/10 1/2, 7/6, *8/9, *80/-, 78/9, 9/9, 6d., 78/5 1/4; **ditto Def.**—22/6, 3/9, 6/6, *2/6, *3/-, 1/10 1/2, 3/1 1/2, 2/9. **Union Cold Storage 6 p.c. Pref.**—26/7 1/2, 10 1/2d., *6d., 1/-, 20/9. **United Dairies** 34/2 1/4, 9d., 5/-, 4/3, 4 1/2d. **United of Havana Rail**—46 3/4. **United Premier Oil and Cake Ord.**—7/4 1/2, 6/9, 7/-. **United Molasses**—7 13/16, 7/8, 15/16, 8, 7 11/16, 3/4, 5/8, 27/32, 5/32; **do. New**—6 1/4, 5 15/16, 6 1/2, 3/8, 7/16, 1/4. **United Serdang Rubber**—4/7 1/2, 9 3/4d., 10 1/2d. **United Tobacco** (x.d.)—90/-. **Vickers**—12/9 3/4, 9d., 10 1/2d., 7 1/2d. **Vine Products**—21/3, 20/9. **Watney Combe Def.**—65/-, 3d., 4/6, 9d., 5/6, 4/6. **Westminster Bank** (x.d.)—20 5/16, 3/8, 1/2, 7/16, 13/32.

(*Exceptional bargain at special price.)

PIG STATISTICS.

Number of Pigs bought for curing by Irish bacon curers, and numbers of live pigs exported from Ireland:—

Week ended	Pigs bought alive and dead for curing in Saorstat Eireann.	in Northern Ireland.	Total bought for curing.
January 17, 1929	17,827	7,049	24,876
January 10, 1929	17,206	8,771	25,977
January 3, 1929	10,992	4,976	15,968
January 19, 1928	18,309	8,039	26,348
January 20, 1927	12,067	6,228	18,295
Three weeks ended (period from beginning of year to date).			
January 17, 1929	46,025	20,796	66,821
January 19, 1928	49,475	24,520	73,995
January 20, 1927	32,684	15,058	47,742

Week ended	Number of Live Pigs exported through ports in Saorstat Eireann.	in Northern Ireland.	Total purchased and exported.
January 17, 1929	7,972	706	33,556
January 10, 1929	6,950	417	33,344
January 3, 1929	4,000	303	20,271
January 19, 1928	11,658	376	38,382
January 20, 1927	7,675	1,134	27,104
Three weeks ended (period from beginning of year to date).			
January 17, 1929	18,922	1,428	87,171
January 19, 1928	31,065	1,184	106,244
January 20, 1927	21,197	2,431	71,370

MENTAL HOSPITAL ESTIMATES.

Monaghan and Cavan Mental Hospital Committee has adopted an estimate and demand for the financial year ending 31st March, 1930, amounting to £33,400, which was £1,000 less than last year. The apportionment to the counties worked out, for County Cavan, £19,668 or £564 less than last year, and for Monaghan £13,532 or £436 less than last year. That estimate provided for a capitation cost for 880 patients at £39 per head. The average cost for the mental hospitals in the Free State amounted to £45 per head. This year's estimate was £8,900 less than the estimate for 1927.

Students on whom degrees were conferred at Trinity College, Dublin, on Saturday last. In front: The Misses F. M. F..on, M.A.; E. F. M. Kane, B.A.; M. A. A. Orr, B.A.; C. G. Trimble, B.A.; W. M. Pilgrim, B.A., and O. M. Gibbs, B.A. At back: D. E. Nicholson, B.A.; D. J. McClure, B.A.; P. J. O'Neill, B.A.; H. A. Elkin, M.Sc.; T. J. McLoughlin, B.A.; M. A. Cooper, B.A.; F. A. O'Hara, B.A.; D. H. Kenny, B.A.; E. Morris on, B.A.; P. R. Peacock, B.A.

THE MONEY MARKET.

LOANS IN KEEN DEMAND.

Conditions were tighter in Lombard street in connection with window dressing operations and the payment of taxes. Short loans were in keen demand at 4 per cent. and over, while old day-to-day money was renewed at 3 1/2 to 3 3/4 per cent. Weekly fixtures went on at 3 1/2 per cent.

Bank Rate Discount (changed April 21, 1927)			4 1/2 %
60 days (fine)	4 5/16	4 1/4 %	
3 months		4 9/32 %	Trade 4 1/2 5 %
4 „		4 9/32 %	„ 4 3/4 5 %
6 „		4 3/8 %	„ 5 5 1/2 %
Loans to Brokers Day-to-day		3 1/2	4 1/4 %
for a week			3 1/2 %
Deposit Allowance: Banks at Call			2 1/2 %
„ Discount Houses at Call			2 1/2 %
„ „ at Notice			2 3/4 %

The tendency of discounts was still firm, in view of the foreign demand for yesterday's Cape gold. New Treasuries were changing hands down to about 4 1/4 per cent.

Of about £760,000 of Cape gold available in the open market yesterday, £350,000 was taken by unknown buyers, £300,000 was taken for New York, the balance being divided between India and the trade. At the Bank of England £207,000 of bar gold was bought, £202,327 of bar gold was sold, and 2,000 sovs. were taken for export. It was understood that the bar gold sold represented the balance of a shipment of $2,500,000 to New York. The net efflux to date amounts to £29,913. Gold was fixed 1/2d. lower at 84s. 11 3/4d. per fine oz. Owing to China selling and lack of support from India, silver prices were fixed 1/16d. lower at 26 1/4d. for spot and 26 1/2d. per oz. for forward delivery.

A slight decline in the New York exchange brought the quotation to 4.84 7/16. Montreal showed little change at 4.86 1/4. The Berlin rate went back somewhat to 20.40 3/4, and Italy quoted rather less for sterling. Belgium and Denmark slightly moved in our favour, but generally there was little variation in European rates. Argentine and Chilean dollars were rather firmer. Among the Eastern exchanges the yen eased to 1s. 10 13/16d. Other rates were unchanged.

	Jan. 22. Closing Rates		Jan 21. Closing Rates		Par Rate
New York	4.84 29/32	4.84 31/32	4.84 15/16	4.85	4.86 2/3
Montreal	4.86 1/16	4.86 5/16	4.86 1/8	4.86 1/8	4.86 2/3
Paris	124.07	124.12	124.07	124.12	124.21
Amsterdam	12.09 3/4	12.09 7/8	12.09 3/4	12.09 7/8	12.107
Athens	374 3/4	375 1/4	374 3/4	375 1/4	375
Barcelona	29.68	29.70	29.68	29.70	25.22 1/2
Berlin	20.40 1/2	20.41	20.41	20.41 1/2	20.43
Brussels	34.90 3/4	34.91 1/4	34.90 1/2	34.91	35.00
Copenhagen	18.18	18.18 1/2	18.18	18.18 1/2	18.159
Geneva	25.21 3/4	25.22	25.21 3/4	25.22	25.22 1/2
Helsingfors	192 5/8	192 7/8	192 5/8	192 7/8	193.23
Oslo	18.19 1/4	18.19 3/4	18.19 1/4	18.19 3/4	18.159
Prague	163 3/4	164	163 3/4	164	24.02
Rome	92.67	92.70	92.68	92.72	92.46
Stockholm	18.13 3/4	18.14 1/4	18.13 3/4	18.14 1/4	18.159
Vienna	34.51	34.54	34.51	34.54	34.58
Warsaw	43 5/16	43 7/16	43 3/16	43 7/16	43.38
B. Ayres	47 15/32	47 15/32	47 3/8	47 7/16	47 5/8d.
Lima 90 dys	19 3/4 p.c. pm.		19 3/4 p.c. pm.		par
Mexico	9.90d.	10.10d.	9.90d.	10.10	9.76
Montevideo	50 3/4d.	51 1/4d.	50 5/8d.	51 1/8d.	51d.
Rio de Jan.	5 29/32	5 59-64	5 29/32	5 59-64	
Valparaiso	39.62		39.62		40
Calcutta	1/6 3/64	1/6 5-64	1/6 3-64	1/6 5-64	18d
Kobe (p.yn.)	1/10 7/16	1/10 1/2	1/10 15/32	1/10 1/2	24.58d
Shanghai	2/6 1/4	2/7 1/2	2/6 3/4	2/7 1/2	
Singapore	2/3 25/32	2/3 13/16	2/3 25/32	2/3 13/16	2/4

CHILD LABOUR AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

DEBATE ON "SOCIALISM."

"That Socialism is a Fallacy" was the subject of a debate in the Greenville Hall, Dolphin's Barn, Dublin, between the members of the Dublin Jewish Debating Society and of the Technical Schools Students' Debating Society. The former Society was represented by Mr. Hermann Gudansky, LL.B., Mr. G. Bialkin, Mr. J. Baber, LL.B., Mr. E. Isaacson and Mr. W. Buchalter; and the latter by Mr. H. E. O'Toole, Miss Pearl Carr, Mr. J. Connolly and Mr. H. E. Clancy, B.L.

Senator Alfred Byrne presided.

The debate was opened by Mr. O'Toole, who said that Socialism was regarded by economists as the solution of the problems that have grown up in connection with Capitalism, which came into being with the development of machinery. "I say Socialism is a fallacy," said the speaker, "because it fails to deal with the problem of Capitalism. Socialists are opposed to individual work, and think that private enterprise leads to capitalism. That is altogether a fallacy.

"There is in everyone an impulse to benefit himself. Normally, that impulse is quite right.

Socialists want people to forget that impulse, and march in one great common impulse. Socialism would substitute great combinations for private enterprise, and destroy individual chances. "Socialism," said the speaker, "is a fallacy, because, by denying a man a personal satisfaction in his work, it would destroy his incentive to work altogether."

Mr. Hermann Gudansky then moved the negative of the motion. Socialism, he said, was not a new idea, and in its later practical developments lay the power to remedy the present condition of society. The problem of child labour was having serious consequences for the upbuilding of a generation, and was one of the most pressing problems of the day. The first step of a socialistic Government would be to see that children were brought up in a healthy atmosphere, and allowed to develop under proper conditions.

Unemployment, the aftermath of the war, was another problem which must be faced. Under present conditions the Government had done nothing to find a solution for that problem. Men could not find employment when so many positions were taken up by children. The aim of Socialism was to remedy both these evils.

After other members of the two teams had spoken, a vote of thanks to Senator Byrne was proposed by Miss Watchman, and the debate terminated.

TUBERCULOSIS OFFICERS.

A general meeting of the Tuberculosis Officers' Association was held recently at the Dolphin Hotel, Dublin.

The following officers were appointed for the coming year:—President, Dr. Cuffe, Tuberculosis officer, Dublin County; Vice-President, Dr. G. Sheehan, Peamount Sanatorium, Co. Dublin; Hon. Treasurer, Dr. T. O'Reilly, tuberculosis officer, Co. Cavan; Hon. Secretaries, Dr. B. O'Beirne, tuberculosis officer, Co. Galway, and Dr. M. O'Dwyer, tuberculosis officer, Co. Clare. Two representatives from each province were selected to form Committee.

A scientific meeting was held after the general meeting. Dr. Heffernan, tuberculosis officer, Co. Kilkenny, gave a lecture on Artificial Pneumothorax, and demonstrated the particular instruments which he employed in the operation. Some patients were present for examination.

PRODUCE AND FOOD MARKETS.

Salford—Cattle trade slow and prices lower. Cambridge—Better trade for Fat Cattle. Leeds Cattle slow; Sheep good. Dublin—Butter weaker undertone; Eggs free supplies and prices easier; Poultry supplies large and values cheaper; Fruit and Vegetables slow; Potatoes large supply, trade dull; Fish poor trade, cheaper prices; Hay in abundant supply and lower; Straw at previous full values; Grain normal, Wheat 24/6-26/6, White Oats 15/9 to 17/-. Tin and Copper firmer. Rubber higher. Ceylon Tea in auction met better support.

CATTLE.

SALFORD.—On offer: Beasts 1,332 (decrease 172), sheep and lambs 6,188 (decrease 201), dairy cows 71 (increase 7). Irish entries included 565 fat cattle (174 less), 38 sheep and lambs (9 less), 69 dairy cows (5 more). Foggy weather was responsible for the smaller show of fat stock, and there was also a falling off in the attendance of buyers. Trade ruled slow in consequence and prices of fat cattle showed an easier tendency. Sheep and lambs also ruled quiet, but late rates about maintained. Best English beasts quoted 9 1/2d., best Irish 9 1/2d., secondary grades 8 1/2d. to 9d., good fat young cows around 7 1/2d.; choice small sheep 1/2, stronger sorts 1/- to 1/1, ewes 9d., best lambs 1/4, others 1/3, Irish around 1/2 per lb. Quality of dairy cows again of moderate character and trade quiet at £18 to £27 per head.

CAMBRIDGE.—Beasts 191, sheep 490, pigs 1,145, calves 166. Beef—Large to 9/6, small 11/6, mutton 8/4 to 9/4, pork 10/6 to 13/-. Good supplies of fat cattle met a rather better trade. Store beasts a fair demand. Fat sheep made a large show and rates showed no alteration. Fat pigs, large numbers again offered, and prices were slightly better. Large bacons a greatly improved trade. Store pigs a good demand.

LEEDS.—Beasts 652, at 7d. to 9 3/4d. Sheep 6,605, at 1/- to 1/3; ewes 7d. to 9d. Cattle trade slow; sheep good.

DONNELLY LIMITED. PIGS.

Under 4 stone	90/-	per cwt., dead-weight.
„ 5 „	94/-	„
„ 6 „	90/-	„
„ 7 „	84/-	„
„ 8 „	80/-	„
„ 10 „	78/-	„
„ 13 „	76/-	„
„ 14 „	70/-	„
„ 16 „	64/-	„
Sows	47/-	„

—(Advt.)

GRAIN.

DUBLIN GRAIN.—Business still follows a more or less private routine for Irish grain, and values apparently little changed. Irish wheat spoken of inside 24/- to 26/6, and tip-top parcels 27/-; black oats 14/6 to 15/- or 15/3, and whites 15/9 to 16/9 and 17/- per barrel.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES.—BALTIC.—WHEAT—A firm tone governed the floating and forward cargo section, most descriptions being held for 3d. per qr. advance; Manitoba January 48/6, No. 3 ditto 47/3, No. 4 Manitoba 45/9, Rosafe 64lbs. January 45/-, Australian January 47/6. Parcels also rather more firmly held, but quiet of sale. **MAIZE** cargoes firm and reservedly offered; Plate steamers arrived held for 44/-, January (also February) 45/-, April-May 40/3, May-June 39/3. Parcels quieter; Plate April-May sold 39/3 to 39/1 1/2, May-June 38/3 per 480lbs. **BARLEY** quiet, but held for full rates; cargo of Dan.-Bess.-Kustendji February-March 35/6. Parcels of No. 3 Canadian Western January 35/3, No. 4 ditto 34/3, No. 2 Federal American 31/- per 400lbs. **OATS** firm: Plate f.a.q. January-February (also February-March) 24/9, Chilian February-March 26/3, mixed feed January 20/6 per 320lbs.

LIVERPOOL CORN.—American and Argentine markets finished better than expected, and forward deliveries of **WHEAT** here showed a fair advance at the outset, but prices afterwards gave way under a preponderance of sellers, fluctuated slightly, and, with disappointing afternoon cables, final rates marked a fair decline from Monday night. C.i.f. parcels No. 4 Manitoba afloat sold at 46/-, February 45/7 1/2 to 45/9, No. 5 afloat 42/-, No. 6 January 23 36/9, and Australian afloat 47/3 per qr. C.i.f. parcels **MAIZE** River Plate March-April sold at 41/3, 41/4 1/2 and 41/3, April-May 39/3, 39/4 1/2 and 39/3. American mixed January-February 41/9, yellow American arrived 41/6 per qr. Wheat on the spot firmly held. Maize spot parcels steady at 9/4 per cental for River Plate. **FLOUR** steady and officially 6d. dearer; price of straight-run 34/- per 280lbs. ex mill. Graded wheat futures opened 1/2d. per cental dearer, then receded, with slight fluctuations, the market closing quiet at 1/2d. under Monday night. River Plate maize options closed unchanged; American mixed closed 1/2d. per cental lower.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL.—BACON—There is again a fair demand experienced for Continental bacon, especially Danish, at late prices, while Irish rules steady and American quiet, long clear of latter being reduced to 82/- to 86/- per cwt. HAMS also quiet, with long cut easier at 106/- to 110/- and extra skinless 108/- to 112/- per cwt. Shoulders quiet and unaltered. LARD on the spot in only moderate request, and American refined reduced 3d. to 59/9 to 61/9 per cwt. CHEESE quiet but steady, with only a moderate demand at late rates. BUTTER dull and easier, Danish being reduced to 192/- to 196/-, New Zealand 186/- to 190/-, and Australian 184/- to 188/- per cwt. EGGS quiet at 17/6 to 19/- per 120 for Irish fresh hen, and duck nominal.

MANCHESTER—BUTTER—Shipments of Danish and Swedish (not including Gothenburg) to Northern ports for the week ended January 19th totalled 25,369 casks (increase 65 casks). Market for Scandinavian quietly steady; slow demand for Colonial, which is on a parity with Swedish and Finnish. Choicest qualities quoted—Danish 192/- to 194/-, special dairies extra; Swedish 187/- to 189/-, Finnish 187/- to 189/-, New Zealand and Australian 187/- to 189/-. BACON—Shipments of Danish and Swedish totalled 15,558 bales (decrease 438 bales). Market firm, all cures, including Irish, being in short supply. General quotations—Irish 90/- to 94/-, North of Ireland rolls 96/- to 104/- according to weight and cure, Danish 88/- to 91/-, Swedish 83/- to 87/-, Dutch 87/-. LARD quiet and rather lower: English refined 65/-, boxes, wholesale; American around 60/- according to brand. CHEESE—Little change in home products; finest Cheshire up to 1/3; Lancashire nominal; Colonial quietly steady; fancy Canadian white 109/- to 110/-, coloured 108/- to 109/-, late makes 2/- to 3/- less money; New Zealand white 96/- to 98/-, coloured 98/- to 99/-. EGGS—Shipments of Danish and Swedish 2,412 cases (decrease 939 cases). Market rather steadier; Irish extra selected 19/6, selected 18/6, mediums 16/6, cold stored 13/-, pickled 12/6; Danish, 15lbs. 18/6, 13lbs. 14/-; Swedish, 18lbs. 20/-, 17lbs. 19/-; Dutch 17/9 to 18/6, Egyptians 8/3. Dutch ducks 14/-, ditto pickled 12/9.

DUBLIN FRUIT AND VEGETABLE.—Imported fruits, etc., in good seasonable supply and variety, but off-take very slow. Apples, Greenings 32/6 to 37/9 and 40/-, Ben Davis 28/- to 35/-, Yorks 35/- to 37/6 per barrel; Newtowns 15/- to 18/ per case, Jonathans 13/- to 15/-, Spitz 15/- to 17/-, wine saps 15/- to 18/- per box, lemons 22/6 to 25/- per case and 16/- to 17/- per box, Jaffa oranges 17/- to 18/-, Valencias 12/6 to 14/-, 16/-, 20/-, and 25/- per case, according to count, etc.; black grapes 1/6 to 2/3 per lb., green 20/- to 30/- per barrel; Nelis pears 18/- to 22/- per case, Anjou 27/6 to 30/- per case; Dutch lettuce 6/6 to 7/6 per crate, case onions, fives 18/- to 20/-, fours 16/- to 17/6, bags 14/- to 15/-; Irish apples 2/6 to 4/- per box, selected Bramleys 5/- to 6/-, ditto, ordinary 4/- to 5/- per bag, 8/- to 16/- per barrel. Big market of vegetables, but slow demand. Sound celery only stuff carrying a satisfactory price, 5/- to 6/6 and 7/- per dozen, inferior 2/6 to 4/6, cauliflowers 2/- to 2/9, 3/6, and 4/- per dozen, sprouts 2/6 to 3/- per float, spinnach 2/6 to 3/- per bag, scallions 8d. per bunch, red cabbage 3/- to 3/6 per dozen, artichokes 2/- to 2/6 per float, etc.; York cabbage 12/- to 20/- and 25/- per load, Savoys 12/- to 20/- and 26/- per load; swede turnips on wheels 1/4 to 1/6 and 1/8 per cwt., mangolds 1/3 to 1/4 per cwt., lettuce 5d. to 8d. per dozen, beet 1/3 to 2/- per dozen, carrots 1/6 to 2/- per dozen bunches, leeks 1/6 to 2/- ditto, parsnips 1/6 per dozen bunches, 4/- to 5/- per bag, parsley 6d. tray, 1/6 to 3/- per bag, white turnips 4d. to 6d. per bundle, thyme 5d. to 6d. per bunch.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Large supplies of potatoes to hand from Northern and Free State districts; mostly of ordinary or poor quality, really sound table qualities becoming hard to get. City trade dull. Prime quality potatoes around 5/-, and extra good sorts of known character 5/3 to 5/6 per cwt., other sorts 4/- to 4/6 and 4/9 per cwt.

DUBLIN POULTRY AND GAME.—Supplies of both poultry, of all sorts, and rabbits large. Under pressure market was harder to clear, and values took a cheaper turn, especially for anything below A1 quality. Prime large chickens 11d. to 1/2 per lb., small sizes 2/- to 2/6 each; turkeys 11d. to 1/3 per lb., inferior less; fat young fowl 2/- to 2/9, others 1/- to 1/6 each; prime fat geese 7d. to 8d. per lb., stubble 3/6 to 4/6 each; fat, large-framed, young ducks 3/- to 3/6 and 4/-, seconds 1/6 to 2/6; rabbits (fresh-trapped) 1/6 to 1/8 each.

DUBLIN BUTTER AND EGG.—A suspicion of weakness is becoming manifest in the undertone of the butter markets. At all events, Danish sellers are inclined to push more for orders on English and Irish markets, as apparently their German trade has collapsed, owing to extreme prices, and the off-take for America is also reported narrower in turn, their more acute competition on our home markets is awakening London sellers of Colonial produce up to reckon with the situation. They yet hesitate to give way, or acknowledge any reason for lowering quotations, but their pretensions are easing all the same in view of Danish movements. In fact, already there is less tension attaching to values of Colonial produce. Spot prices here are—Danish butter 1/8 3/4 to 1/9 and 1/9 1/4; Irish creams scarce and nominal, 1/8 to 1/9, New Zealand 1/8 1/4 to 1/8 3/4 per lb., Australian 1/8 1/4 to 1/8 1/2 per lb., farmers' 1/6 to 1/7 per lb. fine, and 1/2 to 1/4 per lb. coarse. The balance in the market for eggs is much as before, supplies being free owing to the mild weather and prices tending in easier direction. Just now currencies are about 4/- per 120 below this week last year, but then they were falling fast, and by next week there may not be such a big difference, but with a continuance of mild weather to the end of this month production may substantially increase, and accordingly affect the stability of values. Duck eggs very scarce, and unquotable. Selected case arrivals of hen eggs 17/- to 18/6 and 19/-, extra picked 19/6 to 20/6, mediums 14/6 to 15/6, seconds and smalls around 12/6 or 13/-. Cold store eggs nearly done.

CORK BUTTER.—The market continued unchanged. Creameries 196/- to 200/- per cwt.

DUBLIN FISH.—Market of fish on heavy side, and trade poor at cheaper prices. Seven chests of lobsters featured; also forward 550 boxes of mixed stuff from two steam trawls, with some liberal country consignments, and 90 boxes of herrings. Cod very plentiful. Best lobsters 20/- to 25/- (average) per 15, seconds 15/- to 17/6, others 7/6 to 12/6 per lot; turbot 1/- to 10/-, 15/- and 17/6, brill 6d. to 5/- and 6/- each; best soles 30/- to 40/- per lot, medium 15/- to 22/6, slips, etc., 7/6 to 10/- and 12/- per lot, half-boxes plaice 20/- to 45/-, white soles 20/- to 30/-, whiting 12/- to 30/-, codfish 12/6 to 30/- and 35/-, hake 35/- to 70/-, haddocks 10/- to 25/- (small), pollock 15/- to 20/-, ling 12/6 to 15/-, conger eels 12/6 to 17/6 and 20/-, ray 12/6 to 16/-, gurnard 5/- to 7/6, herrings average 6/- to 12/6.

BILLINGSGATE FISH.—Fair supplies; fair demand. Soles 12d. to 14d., slips 10d. to 12d. per lb.; live eels 12/- to 30/-, dead 10/- to 26/- per draught, turbot 11/- to 16/-, brill 9/- to 12/-, plaice 8/- to 12/-, halibut 15/- to 18/-, lemon soles 15/- to 17/-, whitches 7/- to 9/-, cod 3/- to 5/-, whiting 2/- to 4/-, hake 9/- to 11/-, skate 3/- to 5/-, haddocks 4/- to 7/- per stone.

MANCHESTER MEAT.—Home-killed beef sides 7 1/2d. to 9d., mutton 11d., lambs 1/- to 1/1, ewes 8 1/2d., pigs 9d. to 11 1/2d.; chilled beef, hindquarters 5 1/2d. to 6 1/2d., forequarters 4 1/2d. to 5d., frozen beef, hindquarters 4 1/2d. to 4 3/4d., forequarters 3 1/2d. to 4 1/4d.; mutton, wethers 5d. to 6 1/2d., ewes 4 1/2d. to 5 1/2d., lambs 7 1/2d. to 8 1/2d.

PRODUCE.

LONDON.—SUGAR—There was only a quiet movement in spot parcels, but previous quotations were repeated all along the line. Terminal sections fully steady. Of raws, May sold 9/2 1/4, August 9/6 to 9/6 3/4, December 9/9; white March sold 12/5 1/4, May 12/4 1/2 to 12/5 1/4, August 12/9, December 12/10 1/2. COCOA—Terminal about steady; day's sales, 760 tons; February sold 46/6 to 46/4 1/2, March 46/4 1/2, 46/3 and 46/4 1/2, May 47/-, September 48/1 1/2, December 47/9; Accra F.F. February-April sold 40/3, and March-May 40/6 f.o.b. TEA—In auction, 21,552 packages Ceylon were catalogued, and met with better support than last week; really fine liquoring teas brought steady prices, but amongst the lower qualities some irregularity and weakness was apparent. Pekoe sold 1/2 1/4 to 2/2, broken do. 1/2 3/4 to 2/1; Pekoe-Souchong 1/2 to 1/5, orange 1/4 to 2/3, broken orange 1/6 1/2 to 2/5 per lb. in bond. SPICE—Pepper in demand, and prices further responded; Lampong spot 1/5 1/4. October-December sold 1/4 1/4, January-March 1/4 1/2; Muntok white spot 2/2 1/4, October-December sold 2/3, January-March 2/2 1/4, March-May 2/2 1/2. Cloves firm, quiet. JUTE further advanced, Calcutta being cabled higher, with fair absorption by local mills; up-country markets remain very firm. Firsts January-February Continent sold £34 7/6 to £34 15/-, February-March £34 15/- to £35 5/-, March-April buyers £35 10/-, April-May £35 17/6; lightnings January-February quoted £32 15/-. HEMP—Manila quietly steady; K grade Feruary-April buyers £36 10/-, April June £37. SHELLAC quiet, fair; T.N. spot 190/-, March sold 182/-, May 179/- to 179/6. COPRA barely steady and general demand decidedly slow. PALM KERNELE January-February Hamburg sellers £20 2/6.

RUBBER in request and firmer; sheet spot and February sold 10 1/4d. to 10 3/8d., March 10 1/2d., April-June 10 5/8d., July-September 10 3/4d., October-December 11 1/8d. OILS—Linseed quieter; spot quoted 29/3, February-April sold 28/4 1/2, May-August quoted 28/10 1/2, September-December 29/3. Rape firm; crude spot 42/-, refined 44/-. Cotton maintained; crude Egyptian spot 30/-, common edible 35/6, deodorised 37/6. China Wood firm; Hankow spot barrels 73/9, January-February 74/-. Cocoanut quiet; Ceylon spot drums 42/-, shipment 37/6, Gallo do. 37/-. Palm Kernel crushed naked 39/-, deodorised barrels 45/6. Turpentine dull; American spot 48/6, February-April 49/3 per cwt. OILSEEDS—Linseed steady, but market pausing owing to weakness of oil; bold Bombay January-February sellers £19 10/-, February-March £18 17/6, March-April £18 12/6; Plate to Hull afloat £16 2/6, January clearance £16, and for shipment to April-May £15 17/6. Rapeseed maintained; Toria to Hull-Continent January-February, also February-March £13 7/6. Cottonseed firm; Egyptian black to Hull afloat £10 12/6, February, also March £10 10/-; white February, also March £10 5/-; Bombay January-February £9 7/6. Groundnuts firmer and sellers reserved; Coromandel machined January-February £19 11/3, February-March £19 16/3, March-April £19 17/6. April-May sold £20; bold Bombay February-March £19 7/6; Soya Beans firm; Manchurian afloat to Continent £12 to £12 2/6; new January £11 12/6, February £11 10/-. TALLOW shipments from Australasia during December totalled 2,108 tons, compared with 2,335 tons at corresponding period last year.

LIVERPOOL.—CANE SUGAR quiet and steady; sellers February-March shipment of basis 96 deg. pol. to U.K. at 9/9 per cwt. COCOA—West African on spot quiet, unchanged; fine fermented Accra in bond quoted 47/- per cwt. Forward main crop barely steady and sellers fair fermented Accra January-March at 39/9, February-April 40/3, and March-May shipments 40/6 f.o.b. D clause; Lagos f.a.q. to arrive without charge at 38/6 per cwt. f.o.b. new crop; sales fair Accra at 40/6 f.o.b. COFFEE meets with a fair inquiry at unchanged prices. OILCAKES—Imported brands attracting very moderate notice. American linseed early shipments continue at £12 c.i.f., and Bombay expeller nominally £12 c.i.f. January shipment. River Plate linseed held for £12 10/- January shipments. Egyptian undecorticated cottonseed without change at £7 15/- ex ship terms January shipments. Burmah groundnut remain nominal at £8 12/6 40 per cent. and £8 10/- 37 per cent. c.i.f. January-February shipments. Offers scarce. American cottonseed meals nominal at £12 7/6 49 per cent. and £11 5/- 36 per cent. c.i.f. January shipments. Liverpool-made palm kernel steady, with £9 15/- wanted for crushed meals, £9 10/- cakes, and £8 15/- per ton sweetened crushed meals ex mills. RUBBER—Para hard fine spot 11 1/4d., plantation spot 10 1/4d., April-June 10 1/2d., July-September 10 3/4d., October-December 11d. per lb. buyers.

LIVERPOOL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE.—A good demand was met for farm produce at yesterday's market. Potatoes—Great Scotts 2/6 to 3/-, Kerr's Pink 2/6 to 3/-, King Edwards (Lincoln) 6/3, Irish red soil 4/6, Irish light soil 4/- per cwt.; spring cabbage 1/3, ordinary cabbage 10d., cauliflowers 4/3 per dozen; beetroots 4d. per dozen; celery 2/6 to 3/- per dozen heads; carrots (washed) 5/- to 5/6, Swede turnips 2/3 to 2/6, parsnips 8/6 per cwt.; Brussel sprouts 1 1/2d. to 2d. per lb.; Dutch onions 14/-, pickling 15/- per cwt.; sage 10d. to 1/-, leeks 9d. to 10d., parsley 10d. to 1/-, mint 1/9 per dozen bunches.

LIVERPOOL SUGAR.—The following are Messrs. Tate and Lyle's (Ltd.) quotations:—Crystals—No. 1 25/6, small No. 1 25/-, No. 2 23/9, bright 23/7 1/2. Granulated—Standard 23/6, H.T.S. 23/7 1/2, coarse 23/10 1/2, fine 23/10 1/2 ex refinery Liverpool less 1 1/2 p.c. discount. Cubes ex refinery in London—No. 1 26/3; H.T.S. 26/-, afternoon tea 26/6, less 1 1/2 p.c. discount.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LIVERPOOL COTTON—American futures opened easier. Some scattered buying caused a slight recovery, and market at midday ruled quiet. Business continued on a small scale during the afternoon, and prices were quite steady at the close. Sales 6,000 bales (exports 100). American Futures—Tendency quiet, steady; January 10.33d., February 10.33d., March 10.39d., April 10.40d., May 10.44d., June 10.40d., July 10.41d., August 10.33d., September 10.25d., October 10.18d., November 10.14d., December 10.14d., January 10.14d. Egyptian Futures—Tendency quiet, steady; Sakels, January 18.58d., March 18.83d., May 18.99d., July 19.07d., October 18.99d., November 18.90d.; Upper January 12.26d., March 12.35d., May 12.56d., July 17.76d., October 12.86d., November 12.87d.

DUBLIN HAY AND STRAW—Deliveries of hay and straw yesterday show a substantial increase on recent supplies, and, in fact, bulked a big market. Hay values were generally decidedly weaker, but prime strong old meadow qualities were least affected, but for choice first crop herbage class values were fully 3d. worse, 6/3 per cwt. being rarely tenable. At current values, however, market was ultimately sold up. Choice first crop hay 5/9 to 6/-, and occasionally 6/3 per cwt., medium do. and second and third crop 5/3 to 5/6; best saved strong old meadow 4/6 to 5/-, and extra nice Co. Dublin loads 5/3 per cwt., medium quality 4/- to 4/4, inferior 2/9 to 3/6 and 3/9 per cwt. Straw cleared steadily at about previous full values; oaten from 3/3 to 3/6, and wheaten 3/- to 3/3 per cwt., perhaps 3d. less for loads below standard quality.

LONDON METALS MARKET.

TIN AND COPPER FIRMER.

At first session values of TIN improved owing to lighter offerings, combined with higher Eastern advices, though buyers were slow to respond. Cash on balance ruled 20/- and forward 15/- to 17/6 per ton dearer; standard cash quoted £223 to £223 5/-, three months £222 7/6 to £222 10/-, settlement price £223. 375 tons changed hands; cash at £222 15/-, £222 12/6 and £223, three months £222 5/-, £222 15/- and £222 10/-; English ingots quoted £221 5/- to £222 15/-. In the East 150 tons sold on the basis of £224 15/- c.i.f. terms. COPPER again firmer, with sustained inquiries, cash marking an advance of 6/3 and forward 3/9 per ton on balance; standard cash quoted £75 13/9 to £75 15/-, three months £73 17/6 to £73 18/9, settlement rate £75 15/-. 1,000 tons sold; three months at £74 2/6, £74 5/- and £73 17/6; electros quoted £78 5/- to £78 15/-, wire bars £78 15/-, best selected £77 to £78 5/-, strong sheets £102. LEAD irregular and distant positions rather weaker. 750 tons sold; good soft foreign ... January at £22 3/9, March £22 5/-, April £22 6/3 to £22 3/-, settlement price £22 5/-. English quoted £23 10/-. SPELTER in moderate demand and prices easier on liberal offerings. 600 tons sold; February at £25 16/3, March (also April) £25 17/6, settlement price £25 17/6 per ton. Second session—Tin firm. 60 tons sold; three months at £222 10/- to £222 12/6. Copper maintained. 50 tons sold; three months £73 17/6. Spelter steady. 300 tons sold; February £25 16/3, April £25 16/3, May £25 17/6 per ton. Lead unchanged.

GLASGOW IRON AND STEEL.—There was no special feature in the market which remains quietly steady. Bar iron trade is dull, but re-rolled steel is in steady demand. Prices all round are unchanged.

A PAINTED DOG.

WHAT A PETROL BATH REVEALED.

GREYHOUND-OWNER'S ACTION FOR LIBEL.

In the King's Bench, Belfast, yesterday, before the Lord Chief Justice, a remitting motion was heard on behalf of the defendants in an action for alleged libel brought by Thomas Timmons, Sarah street, Portadown, against the proprietors of *The Irish News*, Ltd.

Mr. P. L. M'Corry (instructed by Mr. Thomas Maguire), moving for the defendants, read the affidavit of Mr. Thomas White, manager of the defendant company, in which he averred that the plaintiff was a turf commission agent and trainer of racing dogs. The defendants had a good and valid defence to the action, both in law and upon the merits. The plaintiff had no visible means of paying the defendants' costs should a verdict not be found for the plaintiff; therefore he asked that the action be remitted to the Recorder of Belfast for trial.

THE ALLEGED LIBEL.

The Lord Chief Justice asked what was the libel complained of.

Mr. M'Corry said that it was set forth in the affidavit of the plaintiff, "The libel complained of was contained in the issue of *The Irish News* of 22nd August, 1928, and is as follows:—'This did not finish the sensations of the evening. Mr. P. Murray, the Irish Coursing Club steward, made a complaint to the effect that Too Tricky, which had run second to Glancing Bun in the last race, was in reality Wise Kiss, which had run at Celtic Park the previous evening.'"

Counsel went on to say that the libel arose out of a greyhound racing meeting at Dunmore Park on the 21st August, 1928. On that occasion it was found that one dog had been painted in such a way that it resembled another dog. It was given a petrol bath, which discovered that there was four white pads on the feet and a white tip on the tail which washed off.

The Lord Chief Justice—Is not that what the paper says happened?

Mr. M'Corry—Yes, and it did happen.

Mr. Hume—But that does not refer to our dog.

Mr. M'Corry again referred to the portion of the defendants' report which plaintiff said was libellous.

The Lord Chief Justice—I do not see any reference to the plaintiff.

Mr. M'Corry—He happens to be the owner of Too Tricky.

The Lord Chief Justice—Did they publish anywhere that Too Tricky had run all right

Mr. M'Corry—No, my lord. I had better read the whole paragraph.

Council next read the full report published by the defendants.

The Lord Chief Justice—I do not see anything material in that about the plaintiff.

THE PLAINTIFF'S AFFIDAVIT.

Mr. M'Corry agreed, and said that he was about to submit that there was no libel. The alleged libel is contained in the plaintiff's affidavit—"The action alleged against me is that I, as the owner of the greyhound, Too Tricky, wrongfully altered the appearance of and substituted another greyhound for my own greyhound, and introduced at a greyhound race meeting something that was 'crooked' into 'the cleanest of sports.' This conduct would, of course, amount to a crime, and a most serious crime, and has affected me most prejudicially in the course of my business for a long time, and until I succeeded in convincing the Irish Coursing Club that I was quite wrongly charged, I was warned off all courses, and debarred entirely, even from attending any coursing or greyhound meetings."

The Lord Chief Justice—Why not sue Mr. Murray, who made the statement.

Mr. M'Corry—I cannot see why he did not. We simply reported what took place, and are entitled to make fair and reasonable comment.

The Lord Chief Justice—I do not see any comments.

"VISIBLE MEANS."

Mr. M'Corry went on to refer to plaintiff's assertions of means—"I have kennels of 26 racing greyhounds at Mulliaish, near Richhill, County Armagh, and the present value of these animals amounts to about the sum of £2,000. As an illustration, two of these animals purchased by me within the last seven months, named Strange Lady and The Waggon, cost me £42 and £55 respectively. In addition to the foregoing I have other investments." He does not state what these investments are, added counsel.

The Lord Chief Justice—I never heard of greyhounds being "visible means."

Mr. M'Corry—Particularly where the man is a bookmaker.

The Lord Chief Justice—I do not say a word about bookmakers. "Of the making of books there is no end." (Laughter.)

Mr. M'Corry said that bookmakers' offices were empty places, and greyhounds were not "visible means." He might sell the dogs if he had a bad day's racing. He submitted that the case should go to the Recorder.

The Lord Chief Justice said he had no doubt that the plaintiff had no visible means. He especially refrained from saying anything about the merits of the action, and remitted it for trial by the Recorder of Belfast, costs to be costs in the cause.

TRADE OF DERRY PORT.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

At the annual meeting of the Derry Port and Harbour Commissoiners Mr. J. H. McConnell said that the home trade was a "record" in the history of the port.

Mr. McConnell said that, as senior member of the Board present, he proposed the election of Mr. Smyth as Chairman for the third successive year.

Mr. J. J. Madden, in seconding the motion, said that the Chairman's conduct of the business of the Trust had commended itself to them all. The year 1927 had been a very successful one, and 1928 had been exceptionally good.

The motion was passed unanimously.

It was reported that during December there arrived at the port five trans-Atlantic passenger steamers (51,217 tons), thirty-one regular cross-Channel steamers (14,650), six foreign trade (10,384), forty-four coal lade (6,491), and fifteen other vessels (2,089)—making a total of 101, with a tonnage of 84,831, as compared with 95, with a tonnage of 68,346.

EXCEEDED THE SPEED LIMIT.

PORTADOWN 'BUS DRIVER TO PAY.

At Enniskillen Petty Sessions, Samuel McMinn, 'bus driver, of Portadown, was prosecuted for exceeding the speed limit of 20 miles per hour.

The police proved that defendant drove over a measured quarter-mile outside Enniskillen at a rate of from 32 to 33 miles per hour.

Defendant pleaded that it was his first offence, and that he would have to pay the fine out of his own wages.

The Chairman (Mr. Copeland Trimble, J.P.) said that the Bench was inclined to fine the defendant £5, having regard to the danger of such a speed. As it was the defendant's first case, and he would have to pay the fine himself, it would be only £3 and costs. Any future offence of a similar nature would be viewed with greater gravity. The licence would not be endorsed, and the alternative to the fine was two months' imprisonment.

DE-RATING FOR FREE STATE.

MONAGHAN COUNCIL REJECTS PROPOSAL.

Monaghan County Council discussed a proposal, calling on the Dáil to legislate on behalf of the oppressed farming classes of the Free State on the same lines as the De-rating Bill in Northern Ireland. This was the first important discussion on the subject by a Free State public body, and after lengthy argument the proposal was defeated by 16 votes to 7.

Mr. William Carson, who moved the motion, was asked by the Chairman (Senator Toal) where the money was to come from.

Mr. Carson suggested that the amount required could be obtained by taxing petroleum spirit.

Mr. Edward Brady said that the farming industry was in a very bad state, and the Government should do something to subsidise it.

The Chairman said that in England and Northern Ireland the position was different. The Free State could not now obtain money from Imperial sources, and were dependent on the taxpayer. In England the valuation of agricultural land was 2.4 per cent. of the valuation of the entire country. In Scotland it was 6 per cent.; in Northern Ireland 38 per cent., and in the Free State 65 per cent. It would be a mistake for the County Council to pass this resolution. A tax on petrol in the Free State would mean an addition of 2s. per gallon to the recent price, and the 'bus companies would have to put the price on the cost of travelling, so that it would all come back on the people.

Mr. Brady said that there were quite enough wealthy people in the country to pay the cost of any subsidy the Government might give the farmers.

The Chairman said that it should be borne in mind that the Government contributed one-half of the agricultural rates.

Mr. C. McCluskey said that de-rating would pay the larger farmers, while small farmers would suffer. An additional tax on tea or sugar would mean much more to a small farmer who would be relieved of his rates on a low valuation than to a big farmer who would be relieved of his rates on a high valuation.

After further discussion the proposal, as stated, was defeated.

FLAW IN DE-RATING BILL.

NEED OF REDUCED FREIGHT RATE FOR POULTRY.

Speaking at a meeting of Unionist workers in County Fermanagh, Mr. James Cooper, M.P., pointed out what he thought was a serious flaw in the new De-rating Bill. He had read through the list of articles which the railways would carry at reduced prices, he said, and he was amazed to see that poultry, eggs and pork would not be carried at reduced rates. All feeding stuffs were, and they would have that benefit; but when they were competing on the London market it was necessary that they should have the advantage of a reduced freight. Fancy a rate of 10s. 3d. per cwt. on poultry from Enniskillen to London. If there was one thing which should benefit by de-rating it was poultry.

He would ask the Farmers' Unions to impress on the Northern Government the necessity of including this produce to benefit by reduced freight charges. De-rating was one of the greatest schemes ever passed for the benefit of the farmers.

Referring to the flapper vote, Mr. Cooper said that in some districts the Nationalists had claimed for every girl from two years of age upwards. They must see that all lists were carefully scrutinised, and the agents had to rely on them for their information.

INSURANCE STAMPS.

PROSECUTIONS AT LONGFORD AND LONDONDERRY.

Pleading guilty when charged at Longford District Court with fraudulently affixing to a National Health Insurance card an 8d. stamp taken off another card, Michael Doonan, a labourer, of Bawn, Longford, was bound over. The District Justice said that the offence was punishable by fourteen years' penal servitude.

Mr. T. W. Delany, State solicitor, who prosecuted, said incidentally that in the year 1927 the total amount paid out in benefits under the National Health Insurance Acts was £661,000, distributed as follows:—Sickness benefit, £310,301; disablement benefits, £20,984; additional benefits, £33,293. It was not generally known that an insured person falling ill at, say, twenty years of age and becoming a chronic invalid, was entitled to draw a sum of 7s. 6d. weekly as disablement benefit until he attained the age of seventy years.

A number of insurance prosecutions were brought at Londonderry Petty Sessions by the Northern Ministry of Labour. James Toland, manager of a grocery business, was fined £5 for affixing used stamps to a worker's insurance card. In another case, although it was stated that the omission to stamp the cards of six employes was due to the oversight of a bookkeeper, and that arrangements had been made to attend to it, the employers were fined £3 and ordered to pay arrears and costs.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The sixty-sixth annual meeting of the Presbyterian Association was held in the Church House, 16 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, last Monday evening. In the absence of the President, Mr. Justice Hanna, the Vice-President, the Very Rev. R. K. Hanna, D.D., presided. The annual report and treasurer's statement were submitted by Mr. Charles Eason, who pointed out the favourable position of the Association, and called on all to combine in taking a forward step in work of a social kind.

On the motion of Mr. John Bartley, seconded by Mr. J. Hubbard Clark, J.P., Mr. Justice Hanna was re-elected President for the coming year, and he and Mrs. Hanna were thanked for their services, especially to the young people. The Rev. J. J. Macaulay was appointed Vice-President, in succession to the Very Rev. R. K. Hanna. Messrs. Frederick T. Eason and Thomas Bell were re-elected auditors, and the following were appointed to fill the places of the fifteen retiring members of committee:—Messrs. D. J. Bennie, J. Brooks, J. G. Buchanan, J. Hubbard Clark, R. J. Dalzell, John Gibson (Adelaide road), Thomas Gillespie, Alexander Hamilton, J. Manson, T. Maxwell, D. W. Mitchell, C. N. Patterson, W. Petrie, and W. Towell.

Mention was made of the coming meeting of the Assembly in Dublin in June. The Association contemplates having the Association House renovated for the better entertainment of members of Assembly.

The reports were satisfactory, and it is contemplated that the membership, now some seven hundred, can by an effort of the new secretary and committee, be raised to 1,000.

Arrangements are being made to hold a public meeting in the Assembly Hall, Belfast, on 12th February, to launch a large scheme of Church extension, clamantly necessary in the expanding districts of Belfast. Lord Craigavon and other public men will address the meeting.

The Rev. R. J. M. Park, M.A. (Moy), has been called to Regent Street, Newtownards, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Rev. James Salters, M.A.

The Moderator, the Right Rev. Thomas W. Smyth, LL.B., conducted special Services in Magilligan Church, of which the Rev. H. M. Butler, who recently attained his 102nd birthday, is the senior minister.

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